

# SUBSTANCE

## SUBSTANCE VINEYARD COLLECTION SAUVIGNON BLANC 2021

### TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Pause for a minute for a thoughtful reveal. Intense. Focused. Dynamic. Exposing itself with lemon zest, grapefruit and passionfruit. Deeper still is hay, flint and oyster shell with a lovely note of graham cracker. How truly fantastic and intriguing! Ponder longer. Much more will be discovered.



### VINTAGE NOTES

2021 was one of the warmest vintages to date in Washington. Bud break started early due to nice weather and moderate temperatures, then June was one of the warmest in recorded history, resulting in very small berries. Veraison and the beginning of the ripening season were nice and even, leading to excellent fruit with incredible concentration. Overall, 2021 is a distinct and lovely vintage, producing fantastic wines to enjoy now and into the future.

### CURRENT SCORES

#### 95 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

"A sensational white that's up with the finest expression of this variety in the United States. White flowers, honeyed citrus, lemon pith, chalky minerality, and subtle spice all emerge on the nose, and it's medium-bodied and beautifully balanced, with bright acidity and a great, great finish.

#### 93 Points, *James Suckling*

"I like the toasty undertones here with lemongrass, green apples, cloves and flint. Medium-bodied, textured and complex with waves of fruit interchanging with spice and earthy minerality. Delicious. Drink or hold."

#### 92 Points, *Anthony Mueller–Robert Parker's Wine Advocate*

"...nose of citrus and dusty yellow flowers ... offers a mineral-driven and dusty core with a clean, crisp frame of lemon skin and apple blossoms. Medium to full-bodied ... focused and graceful with a gorgeous, mineral-laced finish that will remain food-friendly for years to come. Drink it young, or age it for another 5 years or more."

### VINEYARD

#### Sunset Vineyard (100%)

Located in the Ancient Lakes AVA near the town of Quincy, Sunset Vineyard is situated on one of the land's many coulees (a canyon formed by the draining of the Missoula flood waters). Thin limestone soils with an elevation above 1200 feet provide Sunset the classic terroir of the Ancient Lakes AVA that have helped define the style of white grapes grown in the region.

### WINEMAKING

**Varietal Breakdown:** 100% Sauvignon Blanc

**Appellation:** Ancient Lakes of Columbia Valley

**Production:** 3.1 tons per acre, native yeast, whole cluster press, fermentation in 50% concrete tank / 50% neutral French oak demi-muids | 8 months barrel aged on lees in 12% new French oak demi-muids

**Wine Analysis:** 6.9 g/L titratable acidity, 3.27 pH, 13% alcohol, no residual sugar

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