

# SUBSTANCE

## SUBSTANCE VINEYARD COLLECTION SAUVIGNON BLANC 2020

### TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER CHARLES SMITH

Another classic to behold! Broken limestone and honeycomb enrich the senses, followed more subtly with verbena, grapefruit rind, white peach and green apple. Zippy, long, and rich, finishing with sea spray, lemon zest and a lovely perfume.

### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2020 vintage might be the best vintage that we have ever had in Washington state history. We had an incredible growing season that was long and temperate, allowing the fruit to ripen evenly. The wines are focused, rich, complex and lively. The reds are restrained and elegant, yet powerful with incredible tension and balance. Our white and rosé wines are wonderfully rich on the palate but balanced with enough acid to make the wines complete. We are excited to see how these wines evolve!

### CURRENT SCORES

#### 92 Points, *James Suckling*

"Reductive on the nose, so give this a moment to breathe and you will be greeted with aromas of elderberries, dried orange peel, clay and chives. Medium-bodied with bright, zesty acidity. Good weight, density and intensity on the palate, with a subtle, spicy finish. Drink now."

#### 91 Points, *Owen Bargreen-Vinous*

"...harvested in mid-September and aged in both concrete and large format oak for nine months prior to bottling. Ripe starfruit and nutty undertones combine with shades of white rose and cantaloupe on the nose. The palate is fleshy and refined, with a soft texture. Great to enjoy now, this has another five to seven years to go."

#### 90 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

"Bright, slightly reductive notes of grapefruit, flowers, and chalky minerality all emerge from the 2020 Sauvignon Blanc Sunset Vineyard, a soft, forward, yet elegant and certainly delicious Sauvignon to drink over the coming year or two."

### 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:** 2.1 tons per acre, native yeast, whole cluster press, 50% concrete tank / 50% neutral French Oak Demi-Muid fermentation | 10 months barrel-aged on lees, 12% new French oak

**Wine Analysis:** 6.9 g/L titratable acidity, 3.28 pH, 12.5% alcohol, no residual sugar

**UPC:** 184745003011

