



**VAUGHN DUFFY WINES**  
**2022 Sauvignon Blanc**  
**Hopkins River Ranch**  
**Russian River Valley**  
**Release Date:** March 2023  
**SRP:** \$30/bottle

**Vineyard:** Hopkins River Ranch is located in the heart of the Russian River Valley southeast of the town of Windsor. Bob Hopkins has been farming winegrapes in the heart of the Russian River Valley since the 1970s. We have been lucky enough to purchase S.B. from Bob from since 2013. We made this wine from a block of Clone 1 Sauvignon Blanc that was planted in 2016. This was our second vintage of making our Sauvignon Blanc from this block and we are just loving the results. We have been able to pick the grapes are moderate brix levels and achieve classic Sauvignon Blanc flavors with low alcohol and great acidity.

**Vintage:** The 2022 harvest was an ideal growing season especially in the weeks leading up to harvest when cooler temperatures helped mitigate the drought conditions the vineyards endured all year. But then things quickly changed when a historic heat wave baked California for nearly a week in early September. Wanting to preserve the freshness in the wine, we harvested our Sauvignon Blanc right before the intense heat set in and roasted many vineyards. The finished wine expresses tropical fruit flavors, noted citrus and subtle grassy notes typical of the variety. We fermented and aged in a combination of older oak barrels (60%) and stainless steel (40%).

- No malolactic fermentation
- 370 cases were bottled on January 31, 2023
- Alcohol: 12.8%      pH: 3.22      T.A.: 7.4 g/L

**Tasting Notes:** Our Sauvignon Blanc offers vibrant aromas of jasmine, orange blossom, and floral notes. On the palate the wine enters with juicy acidity and follows with a broad mouthfeel and subtle creaminess. The flavors of pink grapefruit, lemon sherbet, and honeydew melon compliment this refreshing, balanced wine.