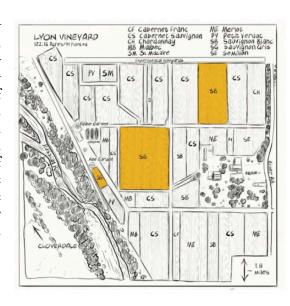


## 2018 CUVÉE ACERO SAUVIGNON BLANC ALEXANDER VALLEY

## HARVEST & WINEMAKING NOTES

The long, even growing season in 2018, supported by good rainfall, inspired us to a racier, lower alcohol, more 'Sancerre-like' style. We grow our Sauvignon Blanc grapes on richer, loamier soils for better canopy protection and distinct varietal aromas and flavors. We use a full range of clones to create a wine of greater complexity; our 40+ year old vine block, planted with an heirloom clone; Entav 378 clone, adding minerality and lemon zest; and the Musquéclone, imparting distinctive aromatic herbal and tropical fruit notes. To round out the blend we add a touch of Sauvignon Gris to enhance citrus aromatics. To preserve its vibrant fruit flavors, we fermented in stainless-steel at cool temperatures with a select yeast strain to enhance aromatics. Post fermentation, the wine spent four months in neutral oak barrels with light lees contact to improve mouth feel.



## TASTING NOTES

In the glass the wine has pale colors of light greenish-gold. The nose is extremely aromatic and has a mélange of fruit and herbal notes – papaya, sweet lime, and pear with a hint of lemon verbena. In the mouth, abundant fruit flavors of honeydew melon, yuzu and pineapple and are balanced by a long and pleasingly dry, flinty finish. Enjoy as an aperitif or pair it beautifully with goat cheese, salads, chicken, fish, and vegetarian dishes.

## **TECHNICAL NOTES**

AVA Alexander Valley, Sonoma County

BLEND 97% Sauvignon Blanc / 3% Sauvignon Gris

 ALCOHOL
 14.2%

 TOTAL ACIDITY
 0.65g/mL

 PH
 3.26

AGING Fermented in stainless-steel, aged 4 months in neutral French oak with light less time

**BOTTLING DATE** February 2019

CASES 1750 BOTTLE PRICE \$22

**ESTATE** Demeter Certified Biodynamic & CCOF Certified Organic