

SCATTERED PEAKS

NAPA VALLEY FUME BLANC | 2023

Scattered Peaks wines embody the spirit of adventure and determination, reflecting founder Derek Benham's quest for excellence. Our boutique wines are bold and powerful yet elegant, showcasing a harmonious balance of strength and finesse.

VINTAGE

In 2023 Napa Valley experienced one of the longest growing seasons in a decade or more. With consistent, mild weather throughout the season, above-average crop yields, and extended hang time, 2023 is an exceptional, high-quality, memorable vintage.

Winter and spring rains led to full reservoirs and healthy, saturated soils; ideal conditions as grape growers headed into bud break. The mild, warm summer weather (72-75 degrees F) supported healthy canopy growth through bloom and set. Though vineyards faced mildew pressure, clusters remained loose for good air flow. Relatively cool weather throughout the growing season in tandem with an abundance of sunshine allowed grape skins to ripen slowly and develop maximal dark red color components for red wines.

Harvest kicked off around Labor Day weekend (September 2-4, 2023) for white wine grapes. Vintners relished the long harvest season, which provided extended hang time to develop flavors.

WINEMAKING

Once the Sauvignon Blanc grapes have reached optimal maturity, we hand harvested at night to assure balanced sugar and acidity. Doing this allowed us to enhance the grapes' delicate aromatics. In the winery, the fruit was cold fermented in stainless steel tanks (58°F) to enhance the varietal's natural citrus notes. The wine was then aged in lightly toasted French oak barrels for 4 months to add body, complexity and depth to the structure of the wine.

VINEYARDS

We have sourced and worked with Usibelli Vineyard for 17 years. Located just 15 minutes outside of St. Helena in Pope Valley, this vineyard is 'off the beaten path', in a quieter area of Napa Valley and produces grapes which are of gold standard in the region.



VINEYARD SOURCING:
100% Usibelli

It is situated in the most northeastern region of Napa Valley at higher elevations than the valley floor and experience incredibly large diurnal swings, with warm days and cool nights.

The vineyard is hilly with well-drained, gravelly, and loamy soil. This moderates the vigor of the vines and maintains water and stress levels. Our Sauvignon Blanc comes from Vineyard 7/Blocks 1 & 2.

TASTING NOTES

APPEARANCE: Light straw.

AROMA: Citrus and white peach.

PALATE: Citrus, lemon chiffon, melon and lemongrass.

FINISH: Bright acidity with a touch of oak.

TECHNICAL INFO

WINEMAKER: Steven Urberg

VARIETAL COMPOSITION :

100% Sauvignon Blanc

AGING:

4 months in once used extra light toast French oak

pH: 3.21 **TA:** 0.61/100

ALC / VOL: 13.5%

CASES PRODUCED: 5,000 6-packs



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