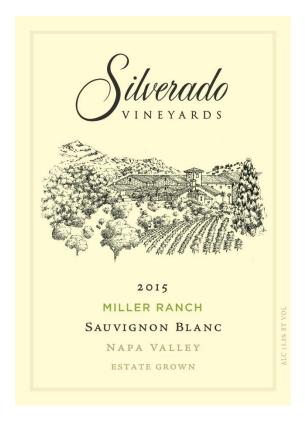
# 2015 NAPA VALLEY SAUVIGNON BLANC MILLER RANCH



In 1981, Ron and Diane Miller established Silverado Vineyards to begin making wines from the historic sites that comprised their estate. Their ranches were first planted to vineyards by Napa pioneers between 1865 and 1895. Each played an important role in establishing the reputation of their appellations: Carneros, Coombsville, Yountville, Soda Creek Canyon and Stags Leap District. The beautiful fruit from these six vineyards is the exclusive source of Silverado Vineyards' Estate and Single Vineyards wines -- the Miller family's best expression of the Napa Valley they love and admire.

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#### **VINEYARDS**

# MILLER RANCH, YOUNTVILLE (97%)

Located west of the Napa River and south of Yountville is the Miller Ranch Yountville Vineyard, noted for its Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon. Here the soils are silty, cool and deep, perfect for aromatic white wines. Open to the south, the vineyard enjoys the benefit of breeze and fog off the bay.

# SODA CREEK VINEYARD (3%)

Three miles west into Soda Canyon, Silverado's Soda Creek Vineyard produces fruity Sauvignon Blanc, rich Sangiovese from the steep and cobbled soil and also an old-clone Zinfandel on this property.

## VARIETAL COMPOSITION

93% Sauvignon Blanc 7% Semillon

## VINTAGE NOTES

The 2015 growing season in Napa Valley started out with unseasonably warm temperatures in the late winter and early spring. This resulted in an early bud break and bloom. Colder temperatures in May (during the peak of bloom) caused uneven fruit set which ultimately resulted in much smaller crop in 2015, compared to both average yields and also the three abundant years that preceded it. As a result, winemakers worked hand-in-hand with vineyard crews and also employed new technologies, like optical sorting, to ensure they picked and crushed only the best quality grapes. The harvest was one of the earliest on record in Napa Valley, beginning on July 22 with the picking of grapes for sparkling wine, and concluding for most all vintners and growers in the valley by mid-October. While ongoing drought was of great concern to farmers around California, Napa Valley received 75% of normal rainfall for the water year, bringing far fewer water concerns for Napa Valley's vintners.

**ALCOHOL:** 13.8 %

 T.A./pH
 6.20g/L/3.28pH

 BOTTLED:
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 CASE PACK:
 12/750ml

 SUGGEST RETAIL PRICE:
 \$25.00