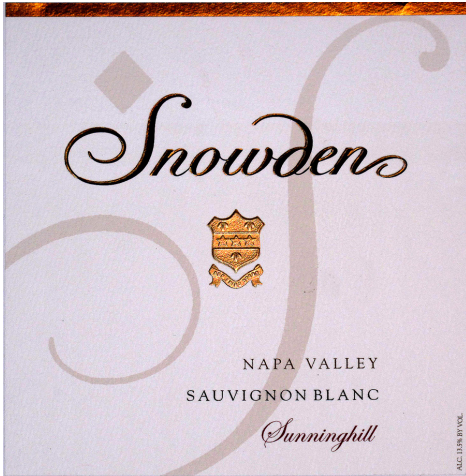


Snowden

SAUVIGNON BLANC SUNNINGHILL - 2022

Snowden
VINEYARDS
NAPA VALLEY

REGION: CALIFORNIA - NAPA VALLEY



SNOWDEN

Since 1955, the Snowdens have farmed their vineyard high above the Napa Valley. In addition to the stunning views of St. Helena, Rutherford and the San Francisco Bay, the estate offers four separate sites producing remarkably complex and individualistic wines.

Winemaking duties are in the capable hands of Diana Snowden Seysses. The winery produces Bordeaux blends from their estate vineyards and a small amount of Sauvignon Blanc from a small parcel they call the Lost Vineyard.

THE WINE

Vineyard Profile

Single acre of “free-thinking and exuberant” Sauvignon Blanc in middle of Eastern-most Lost Orchard vineyard

- Vineyard on bluff bordering Lake Hennessey
- Altitude: 800 feet
- Vines Planted: 2000
- Soil: Rhyolite (volcanic sands)
- Clone 1 on alternating rows of 101-14 and 1616C rootstock

Harvest Notes

- 2022 season began with heavy rain, showers in March and April
- Frost after budbreak meant careful management and the acre of Sauvignon Blanc was spared
- Ideal flowering, veraison in July, even temperatures through summer
- Hand harvested 8/27/2022
- Fermented using only indigenous yeast in combination of neutral oak barrels and stainless steel barrels
- No malolactic fermentation
- Wine aged on lees until May 2023 bottling under Saranex-lined screwcaps

Winemaker's Notes

Our Sauvignon Blanc comes from a free-thinking and exuberant group of grapevines in the middle of our idyllic eastern-most “Lost Orchard” vineyard area, on a bluff overlooking Lake Hennessey, with Pritchard Hill on the far shore. We make this wine for the family, exactly the way we like it, but we’re pleased to share.

Technical Information

- 100% Sauvignon Blanc
- Alcohol: 14%

REVIEWS

Sauvignon Blanc Sunninghill – 2022

91 Points - © Wine Advocate, December, 2023

Matured in a mix of stainless steel and older oak, the 2022 Sauvignon Blanc Sunninghill offers up scents of white peach, crushed stone, tangerine and

grapefruit. Medium-bodied, it's silky-smooth in texture, elegant and harmonious, with ample length. 2023 – 2026

17 Points - JancisRobinson.com, March, 2024

Comes from a 1.1-acre block of vines planted at 800 feet of elevation on volcanic soils. Fermented with native yeasts in steel and then aged in a combination of neutral oak and steel. Closed with a screwcap.

Smells of vanilla, white flowers and lemon pith. Flavours of vanilla and pastry cream mix with lemon and grapefruit notes. Very much in the style of white bordeaux and very competently done. Good acidity and length. (

GENERAL INFO

Country	USA
Region	Napa Valley
Appellation(s)	Napa Valley
Proprietors	Scott and Joann Snowden and Randy and Janet Snowden, managing directors of Snowden Vineyards
Founded	1955
Winemaker	Diana Snowden-Seysse
Annual Production	2,900 9L cases
Farming (Sustainable, organic, biodynamic)	Sustainable (including no chemical herbicides used in vineyards)