



# A I L E R O N

## 2020 Sauvignon Blanc

Napa Valley

# 91 POINTS

From the estate Altimeter Vineyard on Atlas Peak, the 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon is quite dark in overall tone, with plummy and chocolate-like fruit notes. It's full-bodied and rich, with ample concentration and a long, velvety but slightly warm finish. Despite the high-altitude setting, it appears to be a wine to enjoy on the young side.



### GROWING SEASON

The 2020 season was dry, with roughly 50% of the yearly average rainfall, most of which came early in December. Warm weather overall, including numerous heat waves, effected early veraison and yield. Our organic, dry-farmed Sauvignon Blanc vineyard's established root system endured the stressful season and produced balanced, textured, and evocative fruit.

### TASTING NOTES

The 2020 Sauvignon Blanc's aromatics express notes of citrus, orange blossom, and white jasmine. On the palate, this wine offers weight and texture paired with racy acidity and minerality, with lemon zest, passion fruit and other tropical notes. Barrel aging adds an additional layer of spice and tension to the wine's long juicy finish. Beautiful balance and texture brim with acidity. Enjoy for the next 5+ years.

### WINEMAKING

The Aileron wines are hand-crafted by the team at Atelier Melka.



### World-Class Taking Flight

Shannon O'Shaughnessy, proprietor, is a Minnesota native whose family moved to the Napa Valley in 1990 to become grape growers and vintners. In 1997, Shannon helped her family launch O'Shaughnessy Estate on Howell Mountain, where she was integral in developing the estate and winery and launching the brand. O'Shaughnessy has since gone on to become one of the world-class wineries in Napa Valley.