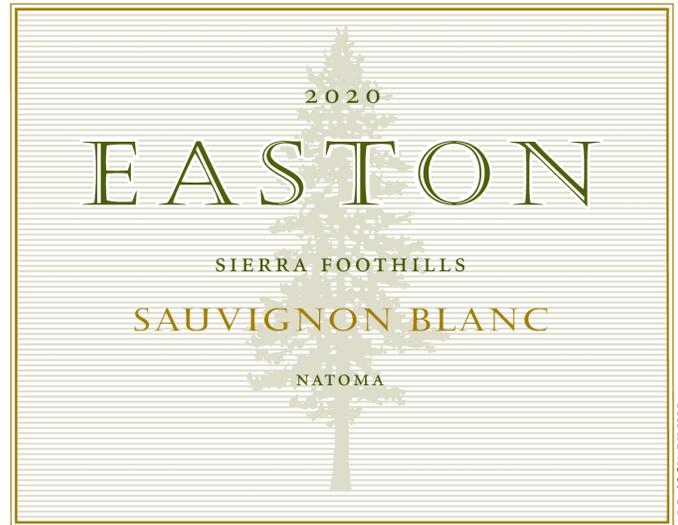


# *Domaine de la Terre Rouge*

TERRE ROUGE® AND EASTON WINES



## **2020 Easton Sauvignon Blanc “NATOMA” - Sierra Foothills**

Our 2020 Sauvignon Blanc, is made from grapes grown at the 40 year-old Chatom Vineyard in Calaveras County and the newish Saureel Vineyard on Gold Hill in El Dorado County. The Clone One (the original Bordeaux selection in California from Chateau Yquem) is grown at Chatom and the Musqué clone is grown at Saureel. This distinctive clone was imported from the viticultural station in Pont-de-la-Maye near Bordeaux around 1962. Compared with Clone One which has an herbaceous, green character and crisp acidity, Musqué has better viscosity and shows floral and tropical fruit aromas. We find these two clones complementary. We cold ferment these two varieties together in a stainless steel tank at 55° F and then age them for nine months in neutral French oak barrels on lees before bottling it in late March the year following harvest. The wine does not undergo malolactic fermentation and therefore retains its delicious crispness. The complex and exotic fruit flavors suggest among other things: key lime, casaba melon, and papaya. The extended lees aging and battonage enhances the mouth feel. The wine finishes with brisk mineral notes.

It has neither the excessive herbaceousness of New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc nor the creamy richness of some California Sauvignon Blancs that lean towards a Chardonnay profile. It is the perfect foil for all seafood, and absolutely satisfying as an aperitif.

After a normal Winter in 2020, we harvested a smaller than average-sized crop with small berries and clusters at about 2.5 tons per acre on August 21 (Chatom) & 24 (Saureel) at about 22.5° - 23.5° brix. We whole-cluster pressed the grapes to tank and then stainless steel fermented the juice at 52-55° F. The wine was then racked into neutral French oak barrels and allowed to sit on lees until it was bottled on March 30, 2021 under screw-cap.

14.1% alcohol by vol.; 3.30 pH; 6.3 gm./liter total acidity  
Suggested Price: \$25 a bottle

*NATOMA in Maidu means pure and original; “from upstream”.*

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