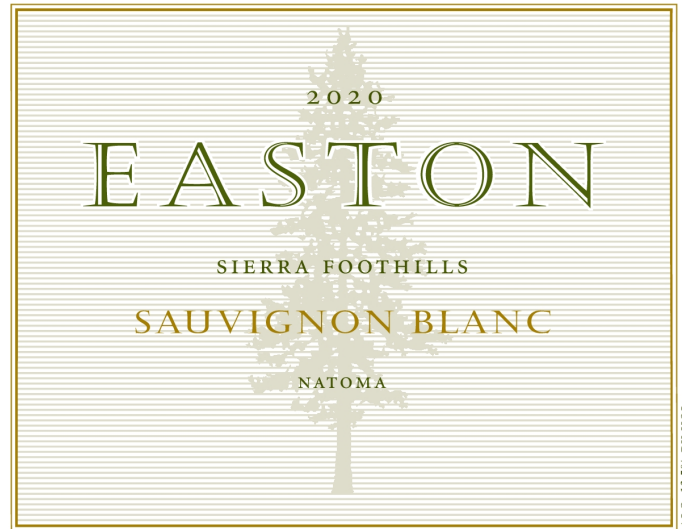


# *Domaine de la Terre Rouge*

TERRE ROUGE® AND EASTON WINES



## **2022 Easton Sauvignon Blanc “NATOMA” - Sierra Foothills**

Our 2022 Sauvignon Blanc, is made from grapes grown at the 45 year-old Chatom Vineyard in Calaveras County. This Clone One site (the original Bordeaux selection in California from Chateau Yquem) is spectacular. It has exotic Sauvignon Blanc complexity along the lines of white Bordeaux, with crisp acidity. We cold ferment in a stainless steel tank at 55°F and then age the wine 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 flintiness. 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 stony granite 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 low rainfall Winter in 2022, we harvested a smaller than average-sized crop (50% of normal) with small berries and clusters at about 1.5 tons per acre on August 22 at about 23.6° 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 21, 2023 under screw-cap.

14.1% alcohol by vol.; 3.40 pH; 6.1 gm./liter total acidity

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

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