

Kivelstadt Cellars

*Family Secret Sauvignon Blanc Alexander Valley*



**Vineyard:** The Lyon Vineyard team believes that in order to become successful grape growers, we must first create a healthy native ecosystem for our vineyards. Lyon Vineyard is the largest biodynamically farmed contiguous vineyard in Alexander Valley. The vineyard incorporates cover crops, bee gardens, husbandry and limited water usage.

**Winemaking:** This wonderfully bright Sauvignon Blanc comes from Lyon Vineyard in Alexander Valley. The vines are biodynamically farmed. The team whole-cluster presses the grapes and fermented half of the juice cold in a stainless steel tank, stopping malolactic as it went dry. The other half bubbled its way through fermentation in neutral French oak barrels at ambient cellar temperature and was allowed to go fully through malolactic. The two halves were blended and bottled together early in the year.

**Grape varieties :** 100% Sauvignon Blanc

**Vineyard age :** Planted in 1973

**Soil :** Clay loam soil

**Tasting notes :**

Subtle hint of tropical and stone fruits wrapped in a blanket of citrus zest on the nose. Wet stone and white floral notes lift the aromatics as you take your first sip. Solid pop of acidity up front, fading and evolving as it washes over the palate. The finish is supported by complementary phenolics and refreshing enough to beckon continued sips.

