



2019 CARIBLANCO

VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% Sauvignon Blanc
PRODUCTION	300 cases
ALCOHOL	13.7%
RELEASE DATE	March 2020
MONTHS IN OAK	5 Months in French Oak
AGING	Stainless Steel Barrels
RATINGS	94 pts, Descorchados 92 pts, Tim Atkin

Kingston Family Vineyards is a boutique winery located on the farm that has been in our family for a century. We handcraft Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Syrah, and Sauvignon Blanc from our vineyards in Casablanca, Chile.

Kingston also collaborates in MOVI, Chile's Movement of Independent Winemakers, whose members make small lots of artisan wines by hand.

2019 was my seventeenth vintage at Kingston Family Vineyards. The combination of experience and vine age has made us more comfortable taking what the vintage gives us, rather than bending the wines to our collective will. The last several vintages of Sauvignon Blanc have been a fascinating study in the range of wines that our vineyard in Casablanca can produce, from ripe and fruity to flinty and austere. Because we use a range of fermenting and aging vessels we can fine tune our approach to suit the character of the vintage more easily than a winery that uses the same methods for all their wines. I like that we are able to let the vintage express itself.

2019 gave us Sauvignon Blanc that was a bit more on the austere side. Structured and racy, with saline notes that give it some gravitas. The Cariblanco is definitely not a fruit bomb this year.

The flavors and aromas are more subtle than the 2017 and 2018 Cariblanco. Seems a bit more mineral and savory, less fruity. Slight saline note again this year, maybe a bit more "textural" than previous Cariblanco. The word "classy" comes to mind.

In Chile, two of my favorite seafood dishes are locos, which are similar to abalone, or congrio, which is salt water eel. Both are richly flavored and when prepared simply are delicious. The minerality and acid of the 2019 Cariblanco would pair admirably with either one.

- Byron Kosuge, Consulting Winemaker

