

# GRIEVE

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## GRIEVE FAMILY WINERY REVIEWS

### DOUBLE EAGLE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2018

**95pts** This 'White' happens to be 100 percent Sauvignon Blanc, crafted by the brilliant winemaker Philippe Melka. So of course, it has a Bordeaux-style flavor profile, particularly the aroma of white peach. Partially barrel-aged, it also offers a spice note and creamy texture, without the pungent green or grassy characteristics often found in Sauvignon Blanc. Smooth, rich, and elegant this is a beautiful trajectory for Napa Valley Sauvignon Blanc. – *Robert Whitley*

**95pts** The Sauvignon Blanc grapes for this wine were grown in Lovall Valley, which is in Napa Valley, but accessible only from Sonoma. It is considered the coolest site in Napa Valley, because it sits in bowl shape depression surrounded by hills, which allows cold air to settle and remain throughout the day. For 30-plus years, I've been going to Napa Valley and had never heard of Lovall Valley until I received this wine. How did I miss it? I felt a little better when I found a video on the winery's website. It featured their super-star winemaker Philippe Melka. He said he did not know about Lovall Valley until he started working with the Grieve in 2018. This wine certainly suggests that Lovall Valley is a great place for Sauvignon Blanc. Additionally, those grapes are planted in soil comprised of a fine ocean floor silt containing seashells, which might explain the complexity of flavors in the wine. Lemon, lime, grapefruit fruit is entwined with lemon scented herbs such as lemon balm and lemon verbena and dusty, chalky notes. In the mouth, rich citrus, peach flavors with a touch of vanilla are balanced with vivid acidity. These luscious flavors linger. Enjoy this exceptional wine with grilled halibut or roast chicken". -*Rebecca Murphy*

**93pts** "With Philippe Melka newly at the helm of winemaking for Grieve, this white impresses in a nose of white peach and citrus. Creamy yet bright, it offers length and texture, fermented and aged in concrete egg and 20% new French oak." – *Virginie Boone, Wine Enthusiast*

**93pts** "In Napa's colder, mostly hidden Lovall Valley, accessible only through Sonoma, and north of Carneros, the Grieve Family Estate produced this brilliant Sauvignon Blanc. Graced with grapefruit and tarragon on the nose, the palate opens up with a sliced lime freshness, melon sweetness and crisp minerality. Vanilla paints the finish with length and elegance". – *Meridith May, Tasting Panel Magazine*

**90pts** "While a slightly larger production, the 2018 Double Eagle White comes all from estate fruit (a cool terroir in the southern part of the valley) and is brought up all in concrete eggs. A racy, Bordeaux Blanc-like bouquet of crushed lemon and lime fruits as well as floral notes gives way to a medium-bodied, elegant, bright, and juicy white with terrific overall balance. It's well worth drinking." – *Jeb Dunnuck*

**90pts** "Fermented and aged for eight months in 70% concrete egg and 30% oak barrels, the 2018 Sauvignon Blanc Double Eagle is scented of apple sauce, ripe Bosc pears and lemongrass with hints of coriander seed and lime leaves. The medium-bodied palate delivers mouth-coating apple and pear flavors with wonderful tension and a nice suggestion of creaminess to the texture, finishing with a spicy kick." – *Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate*

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**Four ½ Stars** "An impressive sauvignon blanc — elegant and buoyant, rich yet balanced. Lemon zest meets brioche. Bright acid. A light and lively finish. Well-crafted." *Peg Melnik, Press Democrat*

**Excellent** "Looking for a superior sauvignon blanc wine? Track down the Double Eagle Sauvignon Blanc 2018, Napa Valley, an example of the grape that features lovely depth, dimension and detail." - *Fredric Koeppe, BiggerThanYourHead.com*

**90pts** "Medium yellow color. Rich aromas of honeydew, pineapple and yellow apple with honeyed, floral tones but also these vibrant tones of hay, chalk and mint. Plush texture on the palate, vibrant acid, with flavors of white peach, pineapple and lemon tart fruit. Notes of chalk, minerals, tomato leaf and sea salt add complexity. Nuanced, plump but fresh, this Sauvignon Blanc has lovely clarity and focus to it." - *Isaac Baker, Terroirist*