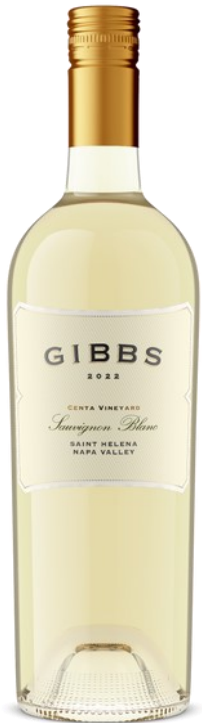


GIBBS NAPA VALLEY SAUVIGNON BLANC 2022/\$19.99



DESCRIPTION

The family started off in Napa Valley growing walnuts, dates, and a small selection of grapes in the 1950s. That's when Dr. Lewis Gibbs Carpenter Jr., a lifelong farmer and psychologist with a history rooted in the cattle ranches of Gilroy, moved to Saint Helena and bought land on the valley floor. An agriculturalist at heart, Lewis' expansive orchards and personal garden were a testament to his hard-working attitude and dedication to Napa Valley's natural resources. By the 1970s, he had replaced most of the nut and fruit orchards with several Bordeaux varietals of grapes, including Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Sauvignon Blanc, and Merlot, all of which were beginning to gain international attention following the Judgment of Paris in 1976.

It wasn't until the year 2000 that Craig Handly, Lewis' son-in-law who was working in the valley as a label designer at the time with his wife Susan, began making wine from Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc grapes grown by Lewis. These first batches, made in a tank kept in their barn, were the beginning of Craig's new career as a winemaker. Over the next decade, he honed his skills while making private label wines and bottling under his first labels, Terroir Napa Valley and Sentall. It wasn't until Lewis passed away in 2013 that they introduced Gibbs, an expression of the quality of fruit that Lewis passionately grew for 60 years. To this day, their Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Sauvignon Blanc come from the same vineyards planted by Lewis over forty years ago.

After graduating from the University of San Diego in 2014, Craig and Susan's son Spencer Gibbs Handly decided to join the family in growing and making wine. The third-generation of their family working in the vineyards, Spencer brings an ambitious attitude to all their new projects and the complex operations of running a small, family business. He got his start in

the vineyard when Lewis taught him to drive a tractor at the age of five. Now, you might run into him at their tasting events, talk to him on the phone for orders, bringing new barrels to the winery, and occasionally find him on the tractor.

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Made with 100% Sauvignon Blanc harvested from Centa Vineyard, one of their two estate vineyards in Saint Helena. The fruit comes from vines grown near the banks of the Napa River, where relatively cool summer temperatures help retain a balance of flavor and acidity. They age their Sauvignon Blanc almost entirely in stainless-steel with the exception of the hard press juice which goes into a neutral French oak barrel. By doing so they are able to soften some of the harsher acids and phenolics while adding a touch of texture and mouthfeel to the body.

Tasting Notes

Nose:

The nose is generous, exhibiting aromas of tropical fruits, lemon peel, pear, and subtle white florals.

Palate:

Gibbs Sauvignon Blanc is light bodied with crisp acidity and an elegantly long finish. An immensely flavorful body bursting with mouthwatering meyer lemon, tart Granny Smith apple, and juicy pineapple. The finish is quite lengthy, showing more tropical flavors of passion fruit and lychee.

Pairing:

This wine is perfect with seafood, shellfish, poultry, pork, vegetarian, and spicy dishes (think Thai or Indian cuisine).

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