



The **TOP 10** VALUES of 2024



Our editors spotlight the best-priced wines of the year



▼ Dry Creek

Sauvignon Blanc Dry Creek Valley 2022 | **\$25** | CALIFORNIA

Sauvignon Blanc wasn't in vogue when David Stare founded Dry Creek Vineyard in 1972. In fact, he was advised not to plant his favorite grape. But Stare was determined, and for the past 50 years, Dry Creek has been a leader in California Sauvignon Blanc, with the Sonoma County Fume Blanc bottling a perennial favorite for its consistency and value. Now under the direction of the second

generation, led by Kim Stare Wallace, Dry Creek continues to be a leader in the category, exploring more expressions with multiple bottlings of this special variety. This wine explores Sauvignon Blanc from the Dry Creek appellation, offering a complex mix of two clones, Sauvignon Musqué and Sauvignon Gris.

Director of winemaking Tim Bell employs a long, cool fermentation for the majority of the grapes in stainless steel fermenters; the remainder has a slightly warmer, faster fermentation in barrels, a mix of French oak, acacia and chestnut for more complexity and aromatics. 18,884 cases made. —M.W.

