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## CALIFORNIA SAUVIGNON BLANCS



Shared Notes Reviews.  
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## Shared Notes 2018 Les Leçons des Maîtres

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Drawing inspiration from the Sauvignon Blanc/Semillon blends of Bordeaux and showing an extra bit of the richness by dint of its Semillon component, but, again, a somewhat tightly drawn young wine that is bristling with energy and, like its mate, seems years away from reaching its best, this deeply draughted offering evokes assorted stone fruits along with notes of citrus and fresh pears with a minerally trim to its extremely long-lasting finish. It, too, will age effortlessly for upwards of a decade and perhaps more, yet it is already so downright involving that pulling its cork in the near term is hard to condemn.   


### OUTSTANDING WINES

 TWO STARS: (91-94 points) A highly distinctive wine. Likely to be memorable.


### AVAILABILITY

 Very limited availability.

### CHARACTERISTICS & TRADITIONAL USE WITH FOOD

 Full and balanced dry White. Try with rich seafood and fowl dishes.

### DRINKABILITY

 Drinkable now. Further bottle aging can improve this wine.