

# FRONTENAC BLANC

## ORIGIN

Frontenac blanc is a mutation of Frontenac gris, first observed in Quebec in 2005. The parent grape, Frontenac, was introduced by the University of Minnesota in 1996.

## VITICULTURAL CHARACTERISTICS

The grape clusters on the vines have been described as large and loose, with the cane and wood quite dense. Like other Frontenac varieties, this plant is disease resistant and cold hardy. Frontenac blanc can be slightly bitter if picked early.

## COMMON WINE STYLES

The variety makes a more classic white wine than Frontenac gris, which tends to make an amber coloured wine. The natural high acidity of the Frontenac grape family works in favor of the blanc variety, creating balanced sweet or off-dry whites. It has been known to create a crisp, clean style of white wine.

## PLANTERS RIDGE PRODUCTS

Frontenac blanc is an important blending component at Planters Ridge, notably used in our Tidal Bay.