



When wine pros speak about a sense of place or terroir, they're often referring to grapes like <u>Pinot Noir</u> or <u>Chardonnay</u>. But <u>Sauvignon Blanc</u> should be part of the conversation. Even though the wildly aromatic wines of New Zealand have come to define what many drinkers expect from the variety, Sauvignon Blanc has a lot of different expressions to offer depending on where it's grown.

You can see this by tasting different Sauvignon Blancs from across the world. There are the crisp, mineral-driven wines from the Loire Valley, rich and ripe bottlings from California, high-altitude bottlings from northern Italy, and even a new set of compelling examples from Virginia.

We sampled a wide range of wines from the beloved, fruit-forward New Zealand expressions to interesting bottles from Austria and Long Island to compile a list that showcases the best of the best. Here are 30 Sauvignon Blancs to try in 2025.

## Marietta Cellars Old Vine Ranch 'OVR' Sauvignon Blanc 2024



Scot Bilbro is the second-generation owner and winemaker of California's Marietta Cellars, carrying on the family legacy. He began the OVR (Old Vine Ranch) project to dial in the sense of place that only old vines can translate. And it comes across in this Sauvignon Blanc made with hand-harvested fruit from old vines.

The nose is a bit savory with ginger and sliced pear aromas. The palate is calm with wellintegrated fruit and acidity. The wine is aged in neutral oak, adding a nice texture to the palate, which later finishes on a salty, mineral note. An incredible wine for the price.

Average Price: \$20

Rating: 91