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Sauvignon blanc 2006 Lake County

Vineyard

Our Sauvignon blanc is grown on the Rosenthal Vineyard in southern Lake County, located to the north of Napa Valley and away from the fog and moisture that characterize the coastal counties. The moderate elevations found in the area contribute to the favorable growing conditions. The unique variety of soils make for a geologically rich region, heavy in volcanic and mineral content, and ideal for growing grapes. The county experiences a 50-degree differential between its daytime and nighttime temperatures, producing very warm days and cool, clear nights. The area is known for producing world-class Sauvignon blanc – with lively crisp and bright fruit flavors, which are more melony than grassy and herbal. Our Sauvignon blanc is cold fermented in stainless steel tanks to retain beautiful, crisp fruit flavors.

Vintage Notes

The 2006 growing season began with heavy rains and floods around the Napa Valley. Rainfall continued well into spring with later than usual bloom and set in June. A record heat wave in mid-July failed to damage vines as they were slightly behind in the cycle. Normal, mild weather returned in August and continued, allowing for paced ripening. Cold weather with rain in October slowed sugar accumulation while allowing extended hang time, which enhances maturity and optimal development of flavors. Overall, the season was an outstanding year and has produced wines with beautiful structure, great color, and high natural acidity.

Tasting Notes

Our Sauvignon blanc has a brilliantly clear, beautifully pale color with slight hints of green. Cold fermentation in stainless steel tanks has preserved the fresh citrus and grapefruit flavors, vivid aromatics and brisk acidity, underlain with subtle hints of fresh cut grass. The bright acidity on the palate makes the wine lively and provides a refreshing, long lasting, satisfying finish. A delicious accompaniment to shellfish, poultry, line fish and mild pasta dishes, this wine will brighten any celebration. Or, enjoy a cold glass on the patio, on a warm summer's day – and wonder!

Technical Analysis

Varietal:	Sauvignon blanc (100%)
Appellation:	Lake County
Acid	0.64 gm/100ml
pH	3.41
Alcohol	12.5%
Aging	100% stainless steel tank
Bottle Date	March 2007
Production	2,092 cases

