



APPELLATION: MENDOCINO
VARIETAL BLEND: 100% SAUVIGNON BLANC (LABEL CERTIFIED ORGANIC)
WINEMAKERS: SPENCER GRAHAM
RELEASE DATE: SUMMER 2010

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Effusive, yet delicate, aromas of pear blossom, ruby grapefruit and a hint of slate leap from the glass. Luscious flavors of white peach, ripe nectarine and subtle citrus notes leaning towards ruby grapefruit along with hints of tangy apple drape over bright acidity and provide great accompaniment to the vineyard's hallmark hint of slate and fresh-cut grass. This well-balanced wine holds a light and vibrant intensity consistently through to the finish, which keeps the lively palate refreshed and bright.

WINEMAKING

The grapes for our 2009 Sauvignon Blanc were handled in the traditional Elizabeth Spencer fashion; after harvest, the fruit was allowed to macerate for several hours in the press. This closely monitored process allowed the juice to extract aromatics and just the right amount of astringency from the gently broken skins, adding to the wine's intensity and complexity. Once pressed, the juice was fermented in stainless steel in order to showcase the lovely varietal character produced from the vineyard. The wine was given "sur lie aging" which simply means that the wine and sediment from fermentation was allowed to sit for a period of time prior to bottling in order to extract more from these solids and enhance the wine's aromatics, structure, complexity, body and mouth feel.

NORMA GIBSON'S MENDOCINO VINEYARD

We have enjoyed a long professional and personal relationship with Norma Gibson, the grower of our Sauvignon Blanc from Mendocino County. The 30-year old vineyard was first planted in 1980. Norma's vineyard sits on Talmadge Bench just east of Ukiah. This vineyard has been organically farmed for the last ten years. Our back label carries the official CCOF seal which is the guarantee to our customers that the grapes were grown to the exacting standards set forward by the National Organic Program.

VINTAGE

The 2009 growing season proved to be ideal for northern California grape growers with generally cool conditions throughout followed by perfectly timed late-season rains. Moderate temperatures through the growing season allowed for excellent and even ripening conditions and set the platform for excellent wines. Circumstances could not have been better leading up to and through our harvest in early September. The 2009 vintage provided quintessential Sauvignon Blanc grapes from the Gibson vineyard, showcasing the combination of delicacy, intensity and classic varietal character.

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