



APPELLATION: MENDOCINO  
VARIETAL BLEND: 100% SAUVIGNON BLANC (LABEL CERTIFIED ORGANIC)  
WINEMAKERS: SPENCER GRAHAM  
RELEASE DATE: SPRING 2011

## VINEYARDS

The fruit for our Sauvignon Blanc Mendocino comes from a single, family-owned vineyard. We have enjoyed a long professional and personal relationship with Norma Gibson, the grower of our Sauvignon Blanc from Mendocino County. This 31-year-old vineyard sits on Talmadge Bench just east of Ukiah. A portion of the vineyard is dedicated to free-standing, head-pruned vines and the rest is planted in classic vine rows with an overhead trellis system. This vineyard has been farmed organically for the last eleven 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 2010 growing season was predominately cool with a warm Indian summer in September. A long, cool growing season allowed great acid retention in the fruit and allowed more hang time for flavor development. The 2010 vintage provided quintessential Sauvignon Blanc grapes from Norma Gibson's vineyard, showcasing the combination of delicacy, intensity and classic varietal character.

## WINEMAKING

Our Sauvignon Blanc is made in a certified organic, carbon-neutral winery. 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 skin, adding to the wine's intensity and complexity. Once pressed, the juice was fermented in stainless steel in order to showcase the exquisite varietal character. 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.

## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Bountiful aromas of pear blossom, honeydew and citrus notes leaning towards ruby grapefruit. Luscious flavors of white peach, ripe nectarine and subtle citrus. A fresh, crisp Sauvignon Blanc with a light, vibrant intensity that is well-balanced with good acidity and a lively, refreshing finish.

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