

## 2009 SAUVIGNON BLANC – DRY CREEK VALLEY



### HISTORY

This delicious Dry Creek Valley Sauvignon Blanc is now in its second vintage. Crafted from several distinct vineyards around our home region, this wine pays homage to founder David Stare, while also pushing the winery forward with a statement wine that expresses the unique terroir of this beautiful valley. Pungent, racy, and full bodied, it's vibrant and juicy and perfect with shellfish.

### GROWING SEASON

2009 was almost a perfect growing season, with the only blip a minor shortage of water from light winter rains. Growing conditions were ideal with bud break and bloom happening normally. Summer temperatures were moderate with minimal heat spikes. Harvest conditions were superb, and by the time the rains came in early October most of our fruit was in the barn.

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

At first swirl, a bright beam of golden color dances in the sunlight, almost inviting one in for those first aromatic essences. Pungent aromas come forward such as grapefruit, citrus, and honeydew melon. A few more swirls of the glass reveal a wonderful depth and concentration in the wine. On the palate, tropical fruit characters abound, such as white peach and pineapple. Honeysuckle elements from the Sauvignon Musqué linger, creating a rich mouthfeel without any cluttering oak characters. A long and lingering finish culminates the progression of this dynamic and beautiful Sauvignon Blanc.

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RELEASE DATE	May 1, 2010
BLEND	100% Sauvignon Blanc (4% Sauvignon Musqué)
APPELLATION	Dry Creek Valley
HARVEST DATES	September 3 - 25, 2009
ALCOHOL	13.5%
BRIX	Average 22.5
FERMENTATION	Stainless steel fermented at an average of 52°F for approximately 30 days
PH	3.31
TA	.57g/100mL
SOILS	Flat benchland vineyards
VINE AGE	10-20 years on average
YIELDS	7-8 tons per acre