

## 2013 Estate Virtú Napa Valley



### *Winemaker's Notes*

Bright sparkling pale yellow hues present in this Semillon-Sauvignon Blanc blend. Citrus aromas of grapefruit and lemon rind combine with fresh quince, lemongrass and a smoky oak quality. Flavors are round and soft due to the sur-lie maturation, with orange rind, lemon zest, fig and pear with a layered complexity of a "peat dried" type of toasted oak. This is an elegant, delicate white wine with tremendous length and flavor.

### *Growing Season*

The winter presented little rainfall, but this improved somewhat in February and March. Spring was dry and warm and brought nice days to encourage vine growth. The summer continued with excellent weather, warm but not extreme; a theme that continued through the beginning of harvest and beyond. With one rain event in September settling the dust, the harvest continued with excellent conditions and phenomenal ripening. The 2013 growing season was an excellent growing season altogether.

### *Winemaking*

After achieving the desired flavors on the vine, the Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc were harvested in the cool morning hours in an effort to preserve the delicate flavors. The fruit was received in the cellar, where the grapes were pressed to tank and immediately chilled and settled prior to fermentation. The fermentation was completed with part in tank and part in barrel at cool temperatures to maintain and enhance the natural flavors. The final blend was completed after 7 months of maturation on yeast lees.

<b>Appellation</b>	Napa Valley
<b>Vineyard</b>	Dollarhide Estate Vineyard
<b>Variety/Blend</b>	55% Semillon 45% Sauvignon Blanc
<b>Malo-lactic Fermentation</b>	11%
<b>Tank Fermentation</b>	36%
<b>Barrel Fermentation</b>	64%
<b>Oak Maturation</b>	100% French oak (41% new French oak) for 7 months
<b>pH</b>	3.31
<b>T. Acidity</b>	5.8 g/L
<b>Residual Sugar</b>	<0.2%
<b>Alcohol</b>	13.5%
<b>Harvest Dates</b>	September 7, 15 - 19, 2013
<b>Bottling Date</b>	May 15, 2014
<b>Case Production</b>	2,561 cases
<b>Suggested Retail Price</b>	\$30.00

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CERTIFIED NAPA GREEN

