

2014 Estate Sauvignon Blanc Napa Valley



Winemaker's Notes:

Brilliant pale yellow hues are speared with youthful hints of green. Aromas are rich and enticing. Grapefruit, green lime, caper, and citrus tones couple with a vibrant note of lychee. Flavors present incredible intensity of grapefruit, lime and lemon zest, all with a subtle thread of fennel. The 2014 vintage produced a powerful and intense Sauvignon Blanc.

Growing Season:

California experienced a drought due to lack of rain and poor snowpack in the Sierra Nevada Mountains in 2014. Our vineyards experienced our first significant rainfall in February, which provided a welcome soak of 8 inches, helping to replenish our water reserves. While March brought some rain as well, the entire growing season overall was dry. May started warm, and the warming trend continued with a hot June. The heat continued through the early part of October. At St. Supéry, we were fortunate that we grow all of our own grapes, so we could make the best decisions possible for our vineyards under these conditions. While the resulting yields were light, the quality of our fruit was terrific, and the resulting wines show tremendous promise.

Winemaking:

After achieving the desired flavors on the vine, the Sauvignon Blanc was 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. All fermentation was completed in stainless steel tanks at cool temperatures to maintain and enhance the natural flavors. The final blend was completed soon thereafter to capture the lovely fresh qualities and intensity of flavor of the Sauvignon Blanc.

Appellation	Napa Valley
Vineyard	Dollarhide Estate Vineyard
Variety/Blend	100% Sauvignon Blanc
pH	3.26
T. Acidity	6.3 g/L
Residual Sugar	0.2%
Alcohol	13.5%
Harvest Dates	August 18 – September 5, 2014
Bottling Date	December 2014
Suggested Retail Price	\$22.00

ESTATE GROWN + SUSTAINABLY FARMED
CERTIFIED NAPA GREEN

