



HILL FAMILY
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2008 Napa Valley Sauvignon Blanc

Production: 204 cases

Composition: 95% Sauvignon Blanc, 5% Semillon

Vineyards: 60% Windy Flats (Wooden Valley), 21% Watson (American Canyon), 5% Yount Mill (Yountville), 3% Baker (Atlas Peak) and 11% from other vineyards.

Appellation: Napa Valley

Elevation: Hillsides 1500 ft, Foothills about 500 ft, and Valley floor

Cooperage: Mostly stainless, and some neutral oak

Release Date: July 18, 2009

Alcohol: 13.73%, TA 0.59, pH 3.41

The 2008 Hill Family Estate Sauvignon Blanc is a blend of 5 vineyards, with quite a bit of Sauvignon Musque clone. Cool breezy weather in most of 2008 made it an excellent year for Sauvignon Blanc character, if the vineyards made it past frost season. Windy Flats Vineyard in the eastern foothills of Wooden Valley is in a dramatic landscape of rock and cliff, with just enough soil between the marl out crops for a few acres of vines. Doug Hill chose 3 clones and carefully selected the rootstalks for this vineyard so that it offers layers of complexity and interest. Watson Vineyard, in American Canyon is also a cool, slightly windy vineyard with great depth of flavor.

Winemaker Alison Doran's Tasting notes:

This wine has a lovely nose of pear, melon, and white peach, with a touch of herbal green fig notes down the center. The beautifully balanced palate continues with the herbal and white peach flavors. It has a well padded mid-palate with a crisp almost grapefruit finish.

