



HILL FAMILY
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2014 Napa Valley Sauvignon Blanc

Production: 912 cases

Composition: 99% Sauvignon Blanc & 1% Semillon

Vineyards: Windy Flats, Baker, Watson & Alsace

Elevation: All the Sauvignon Blanc vineyards are hillside slopes off the valley floor

Cooperage: Fermented and aged 100% in stainless steel

Alcohol: 13.7%, TA 0.53, pH 3.42

Bottling date: February 18, 2015

Release date: Summer 2015

Release price: \$24.00

The 2014 Sauvignon Blanc is a blend of 3 vineyards plus a tiny amount of Semillon. Windy Flats Vineyard in the western foothills of Wooden Valley makes up the largest piece of the blend. It 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 highly aromatic aromas and layers of complexity and interest. Atlas Peak is a small vineyard in Foss Valley, where small crops give intense wines. Watson Vineyard, in American Canyon is a cool, steep hillside vineyard with windy afternoons and great depth of flavor. The weather all season was very nice with spells of fog in the mornings and warm afternoons. A very early ripening period with fairly large balanced crops was complicated by the big earthquake arriving 2 days after we picked! But everyone jumped right to making things work again, and to our amazement, none of this wonderful wine was lost.

Winemaker Alison Doran's tasting notes:

Complex nose of white peach, tropical mango fruit, and some light jasmine notes makes this Sauvignon Blanc from the Windy Flats Vineyard recognizable right away. Most of the grapes came from this vineyard, and its crisp dry entry and long persistent finish show light musque and ripe pineapple flavors. Sauvignon Blanc can make many different styles of wine, but we love the sense of place this wine evokes year after year.