



## 2010 SAUVIGNON BLANC, O'NEEL RANCH, RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

This crisp, complex wine is from fruit grown in a vineyard along the Santa Rosa Creek a mile west of town. The Sauvignon Blanc vines, all clone 1, are planted in gravelly loam soil that moderates vine vigor. The site is foggy most summer mornings, slowing the ripening of the fruit and retaining acidity until it is ready for harvest in late September or early October. The ripe, flavorful fruit was pressed whole-cluster and the juice was settled for several days. We racked the clear juice to used French oak barrels where it was inoculated with a low-vigor yeast that releases the characteristic Sauvignon Blanc aromatic compounds from their precursors. To keep the focus on the varietal character we prevent malolactic fermentation. The wine is complex with subtle notes of hay, honeydew melon, peach and a touch of fresh-cut grass. It is relatively low in alcohol and retains the crisp acidity of the cool-climate site, giving it a stony, mineral finish.

215 cases were bottled April 27, 2011.

Harvest October 7, 2010

Sugar	21.9 ° B
Titrateable acidity	7.73 grams per Liter
pH	3.35

Finished wine

Alcohol	12.9%
Titrateable acidity	7.25 grams per Liter
pH	3.37

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