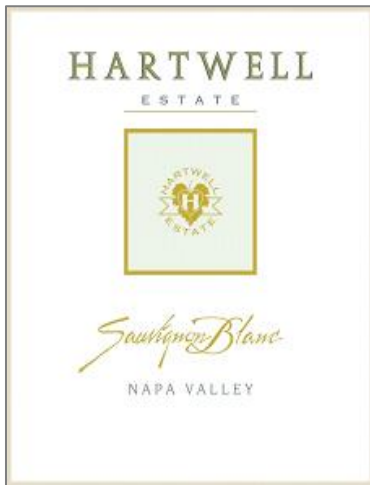


2009 HARTWELL ESTATE SAUVIGNON BLANC
CARNEROS, NAPA VALLEY



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ESTATE VINEYARDS

*100% Hartwell Estate Vineyards
Carneros, Napa Valley
100% Sauvignon Blanc*

*Harvested September 2 - 6, 2009
Aged eight months
9L cases produced: 488
Release Date: Fall 2010*

Three Sauvignon Blanc clones provide distinct characteristics in this intensely flavorful wine from our estate vineyard in Carneros, Napa Valley's coolest and southernmost appellation.

Grapes are carefully sorted and gently whole-cluster pressed before the juice is fermented three ways: 47% in small stainless steel barrels, 45% in French oak barrels (20% new) and 8% in concrete eggs. Aged on the lees for eight months and stirred frequently, a small percentage of the lots have undergone malolactic fermentation for additional textural and aromatic complexity.

Delicate aromas of gun smoke and flint are followed by lush, tropical fruit notes radiating from the glass. The creamy, textured palate unfolds with notes of lemon meringue, pineapple and Manila mango, deftly framed by a vibrantly focused and mouthwatering acidity.

This Sauvignon Blanc is meant to be enjoyed now, while time in the bottle will enhance its delicious mineral characteristics.

Benoit Tonquette, Winemaker

*Grow the best grapes....
...Make the best wine.™*