

2012 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 13th – September 19th, 2012
Aged four months
9L cases produced: 650
Release Date: Spring 2013*

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 were carefully sorted and gently whole-cluster pressed before the juice was fermented two ways: 75% in small stainless steel barrels, 25% in seasoned French oak barrels. The wine was aged on the lees for four months and stirred frequently with a small percentage of the lots undergoing malolactic fermentation for additional texture and aromatic complexity.

The 2012 Hartwell Estate Sauvignon Blanc showcases classic complex aromas of fresh cut hay, cantaloupe, Asian pear and flint. On the bold and expressive palate, flavors of lychee nut, mandarin orange, eucalyptus and honey emerge, finishing with a sweet and refreshing acidity.

This Sauvignon Blanc can be enjoyed upon release, while time in the bottle will enhance its delicious mineral characteristics.

Benoit Touquette, Winemaker

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