

WHITEHALL LANE

WINERY & VINEYARDS

2008 SAUVIGNON BLANC

NAPA VALLEY



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- June 2010

89 Points

Best Buy

Blend: 90% Sauvignon Blanc
10% Semillon

The Vintage: We had hoped for more Sauvignon Blanc grapes in 2008. The quality of the fruit was outstanding. However, springtime frost and early hot weather reduced the crop load in the vineyards. The smaller berries and clusters produced grapes with great flavors and intensity. The Sauvignon Blanc was picked at full ripeness between September 4th and September 11th, while the Semillon hung on the vines for an additional two weeks and was harvested on September 26th.

Winemaking: The ripeness and intensity of the fruit in 2008 was a perfect match for the crisp, fruit forward style of Whitehall Lane Sauvignon Blanc. 70% of the fruit was fermented in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks and 30% in new French oak barrels. The barrel fermented portion was aged "on the lees" to add a creamy mid-palate note. 10% Semillon was blended for added richness and complexity.

Tasting Notes: This 2008 Sauvignon Blanc is bright and aromatic. Hints of honeydew and lime blend with an oak nuance. The wine has refreshing flavors of lemon and grapefruit with a long invigorating finish. Enjoy this wine with appetizers and light entrees or as a summer sipper on the patio.

The Closure: This wine is sealed with a cork free closure. The screw cap closure has a liner that was designed specifically for wine and forms an ideal seal to retain the freshness of this Sauvignon Blanc.



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