

2011 Sauvignon Blanc

NAPA VALLEY ESTATE GROWN

100% Sauvignon Blanc

RELEASE DATE: October 2014

BRIX AT HARVEST: 26.5

CASES PRODUCED: 296

ALCOHOL: 14.9 %

TOTAL ACID: 5.0 g/l pH: 3.49

Appellation/Vineyards

Somerston wines are produced from selected blocks from our 1,615 acre estate, high in the eastern hills of Napa Valley. This estate bottled wine is sourced from Julia Vineyard Block 114 with an average elevation of 850 asl.

Harvest

What began with a wet winter and spring continued with rainfall into mid-June and set the stage for a long, cooler-than-average growing season with a later-than-average harvest beset with autumn rainstorms. Few high heat events occurred this year, but growers managed more open vine canopies to ensure sunlight, warmth and good air circulation around the grape clusters.

Winemaking

The small yellow clusters were picked in the early morning, whole-cluster pressed and fermented in 40% new French oak and 60% neutral French oak. The wine was barrel aged sur lie for six months with two stirrings per month, and bottled in December 2012.

Tasting Notes

The 2011 Somerston Sauvignon Blanc is our fourth release of this wine. Yields of Sauvignon Blanc and Sauvignon Musque were perfect, resulting in a wine that displays all the characteristics that we expect from this great vineyard site. The mineral nose shows bright tropical notes of mango, grapefruit and citrus, while on the palate, delicious flavors of poached pear, vanillin and grilled citrus fruit are highlighted by light oak texture and a long, persistent finish.