

2010 DRY CHENIN BLANC – CLARKSBURG



HISTORY

Since the mid-1980's, we have sourced fruit from the Clarksburg appellation in the Sacramento delta. The Wilson Ranch has provided us with delicious Chenin Blanc grapes that express our Loire Valley roots. For us, Chenin Blanc is a passion – one we take seriously. Most California vintners have given up on Chenin Blanc. We believe that Chenin Blanc has a rightful place at the table. It is the perfect aperitif wine, extremely versatile and food friendly, making it one of our most well loved wines.

GROWING SEASON

The 2010 vintage may go down as one of the more difficult, challenging vintages of the last decade. With varied growing conditions, it was incredibly important to stay on top of the vineyard ensuring that the canopy was well managed. Late spring rains, a cool summer and then several heat spikes before and during harvest added to the challenge. However, our winemaking and vineyard team really came through, keeping a cool head and bringing in fruit that achieved full ripeness, flavor and balance.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Our winery is widely considered the North American expert of this wonderfully expressive grape. The 2010 Chenin Blanc is summertime in the bottle with whispers of honeysuckle, pineapple, white peach and honeydew melon. On the palate, the wine expresses soft apple notes, cantaloupe, and pineapple, happily mingling with underlying chalky minerality and freshly grated lemon zest that keeps this wine fresh and crisp. Completely delicious, the 2010 Chenin Blanc is just begging to be your summertime favorite!

2009 Vintage

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Wine Enthusiast Magazine

AMAZING VALUE

Food & Wine Magazine

2008 Vintage

88 Points

The Tasting Panel

FAIL-SAFE WINE VALUE

Food & Wine Magazine



RELEASE DATE	June 2011
BLEND	100% Chenin Blanc
APPELLATION	Clarksburg
HARVEST DATES	September 18 - October 2, 2010
ALCOHOL	13.2%
RESIDUAL SUGAR	0.65% (Dry)
FERMENTATION	Stainless steel fermented at an average of 55°F for approximately 35 days
pH	3.57
TA	.68g/100mL
SOILS	Flat, sandy delta soil
VINE AGE	20 years on average
YIELDS	6-7 tons per acre