



## 2009 STICKYBEAK SEMILLON SAUVIGNON BLANC

WINEMAKER: Wayne Donaldson  
 REGION: Sonoma County - Knights Valley and Russian River  
 VARIETALS: Semillon (72%) Sauvignon Blanc (28%)  
 MATURATION: Stainless steel  
 ANALYSIS: 13.5% alc/vol

### VITICULTURE:

**Semillon** – The fruit is sourced from a 20 year old vineyard in Knights Valley a sub-region of Sonoma County. The soils are comprised of loamy clay with broken limestone that produce wines of tremendous aromatics and concentration.

**Sauvignon Blanc** - Keeping it cool we headed out to the foggy Russian River. Just off the famed Westside Road our instincts led us to a mature vineyard that has been supplying grapes to other star sauvignon blanc producers. The fruit is steely, insanely aromatic and lifts the Semillon through the roof!

### WINEMAKING:

Harvesting takes place at early dawn, when the berries are nice and cool, before gently crushing and fermenting the juice in stainless steel tanks. A portion of the fruit is given extended time on the lees which results in a generous, textured palate.

### TASTING NOTES:

The aromas are exuberant and lively leading to a tightly wound palate with energy and verve. The absence of oak highlights the citrus, cut grass and spice characters inherent to the varietals. We were careful to pick while the acids were still bright that ultimately give a lovely, clean finish.

### CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

**88 pts** Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, **88 pts** Wine Enthusiast

ABOUT THAT NAME... Ever been curious enough to stick your nose over someone's fence to see what's going on? Or peer through a crack in a front gate, just to get a better look? We have! Some people might say we're busybodies or nosey neighbors although we prefer the Australian term, 'stickybeak.' And being Napa-based wine folk, it's hard to resist being curious about the stunning wines and regions that surround us. In fact, as inquisitive vintners, it seemed only natural that we'd have a bit of a stickybeak in our own backyard to see what we could find.



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