



2012 STICKYBEAK SAUVIGNON BLANC

WINEMAKER :	Wayne Donaldson
REGION :	Russian River Valley
VARIETALS :	Sauvignon Blanc (100%)
MATURATION :	Stainless Steel
ANALYSIS :	13% alc/vol

VINEYARD :

From the cooler Mirabelle site on Westside Road in the foggy Russian River AVA, we work with a famed, mature vineyard that provides Sauvignon Blanc fruit to other star producers.

WINEMAKING :

The handpicked fruit is brought in at first light, naturally chilled by the cold valley air. In the winery we are pretty much hands off. The majority of the juice is fermented in stainless steel tanks with a neutral yeast to retain the fresh, lively characters of the grapes. A small portion was barrel fermented in second use French oak barriques to add a savory mid-palate texture.

TASTING NOTES :

Steely and insanely aromatic, this is a crisp and focused expression of Sauvignon Blanc. A small portion that underwent barrel fermentation adds a savory depth to the fresh notes of lime and delicate florals. Apparent tropical notes and vibrant acidity lead to a clean and smooth finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM :

89 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar

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 we admire. In fact, as inquisitive vintners, it seemed only natural that we'd have a bit of a stickybeak and produce our own wines from these areas.



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