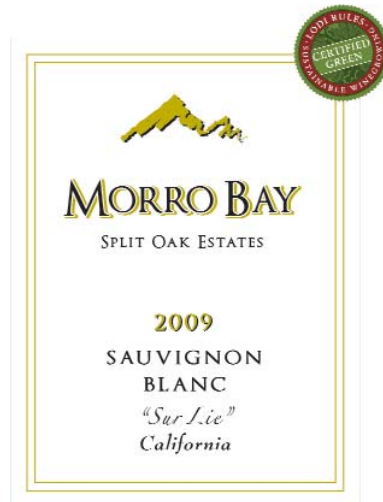


MORRO BAY

Acampo, California



Split Oak Estates Sauvignon Blanc Sur Lie 2009

THE VINEYARD

Morro Bay Split Oak Estate Sauvignon Blanc is a musque clone Sauvignon Blanc, it is sourced from several vineyards within the Lange Family estate. The Lange Family have been farming in the Lodi appellations for four generations dating back to the late 1800's. The location of the vineyard in Lodi provides for dramatic temperature shifts from day to night due to the influence of the delta breeze from San Francisco Bay. This allows for a slower maturation of the grapes resulting in a better balance of acidity and complexity in the taste profile.

HARVEST & AGING

The 2009 vintage began with average winter rains, and as we moved into spring, we experienced low-heat days with little rain. This allowed for complete control of the canopy using drip-irrigation giving us the ability to manipulate the growth, even with a few unpredictable heat spikes. With mild weather during harvest (except that one rainy day in October!), the result was above average quality in flavor, color, and taste. The vineyards are hand-pruned by experienced work crews adept at spur selection. Green harvesting is determined based on the berry set for a particular vintage. In addition to green harvesting, shoot removal and leaf pulling are employed to further enhance flavor concentration. Machine harvesting is done at night allowing the grapes to cool and thus maximize the flavors, acidity and balance. All grapes are sorted via a sorting belt prior to being pressed. Reductive winemaking is employed to draw out and finesse the crisp characteristics of the varietal and the wine is held "sur-lie" or literally "on the lees". The lees settle to the bottom and then are lifted and stirred into the wine a minimum of every other week. Most wineries do not use this method because it is labor intensive, taking six months to achieve the desired effect on the wine.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Grapefruit, citrus, and melon notes highlight the 2009 Sauvignon Blanc. Hints of juniper and goodeberry add a fresh note to the signature bright aromas and crisp fruity flavors. The finish is distinct and long lasting!

Grape Varieties: 100% Sauvignon Blanc

Alcohol Content: 13.5%



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