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2009 SAUVIGNON BLANC LATE HARVEST, NAPA VALLEY

Vintage

2009 proved to be a mild, relatively cool growing season. Without much frost nor many heat spikes, the lack of rain (2/3 of normal for the third consecutive year) did not present any challenges. Overall, the vintage provided extended hang time for the grapes without excessive ripeness, leading to forward, bright fruit with mature flavors and tannins.

Vineyards

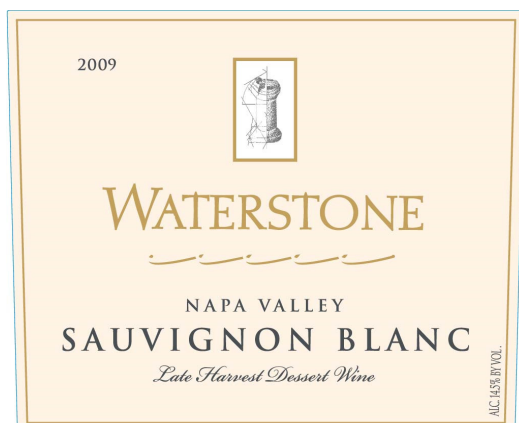
The grapes for this wine were grown in the Silverado-Suscol Vineyard in southeast Napa Valley, where morning fogs linger and development of *Botrytis cinerea* is encouraged. The micro-climate provides ideal conditions for flavor and sugar concentration.

Vinification

Vineyard was hand-picked at a harvest Brix of 32 degrees. The grapes were gently crushed and fermented in stainless steel, with fermentation arrested at a Brix of 4 degrees. The wine was aged in neutral (1- and 2-year old) French oak barrels with extended lees contact for 18 months.

Tasting Notes

This rich, complex Late Harvest Sauvignon Blanc delivers ripe tropical fruit accented by vanilla, orange rind and citrus notes. The generous fruit is balanced by firm acidity that complements the wine's sweet finish.



Technical Data:

Varietal Composition	100% Sauvignon Blanc
Appellation	Napa Valley
Harvest Brix	32°
Brix at Bottling	4°
Alcohol	14.4%
TA	0.67 g/100ml
pH	3.87
Oak Aging	18 months
Oak Cooperage	French oak, neutral barrels
Bottling Date	November 9, 2011
Production	333 cases