



HILL FAMILY  
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## 2011 Napa Valley Sauvignon Blanc

Production: 422 cases

Composition: 96% Sauvignon Blanc and 4% Semillon

Vineyards: Windy Flats, Watson, Baker and Alsace

Appellations: Wooden Valley, American Canyon, Atlas Peak and Oakville

Elevation: 300 ft. – 1200 ft.

Cooperage: Fermented and aged 60% in stainless steel tank and 40% in neutral oak

Alcohol: 14.1%, TA 0.66, pH 3.37

Release date: April 2012

Release price: \$22.00

The 2011 Hill Family Estate Sauvignon Blanc is a blend of 4 vineyards. Each offered an irresistible combination for Sauvignon Blanc. Windy Flats Vineyard in the western foothills of Wooden Valley is in a dramatic landscape of rock and cliff, with just enough soil between the marl out crops for a few acres of vines. Doug Hill chose 3 clones and carefully selected the rootstalks for this vineyard so that it offers layers of complexity and interest. Watson Vineyard, down in American Canyon is a cool, steep hillside vineyard with windy afternoons and great depth of flavor. Baker Vineyard up in Atlas Peak is a stony vineyard pried out of the volcanic outcrops and surrounding chapparal, with low yields and high intensity. Alsace, where we grow our Semillon is an elegant small vineyard in Oakville, trellised for success. Crops were small and the weather all season was very nice with spells of fog in the mornings and warm afternoons.

### **Winemaker Alison Doran's Tasting notes:**

The nose has sweet melon and gooseberry, lime peel, hyacinth and elder flower notes. The palate is crisp and clean, with classic lichee nut and nectarine flavors, while the wine finishes rich and satisfying with long, lingering white peach notes.