



HILL FAMILY  
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## 2012 Napa Valley Sauvignon Blanc

Production: 1,437 cases

Composition: 100% Sauvignon Blanc

Vineyards: Windy Flats & Watson

Appellations: Wooden Valley & American Canyon

Elevation: 500-800 ft.

Cooperage: Fermented and aged 70% in stainless steel tank and 30% in neutral oak

Alcohol: 14.5%, TA 0.56, pH 3.38

Bottling date: January 18, 2013

Release date: Feb 2013

Release price: \$22.00

The 2012 Hill Family Estate Sauvignon Blanc is a blend of 2 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. The weather all season was very nice with spells of fog in the mornings and warm afternoons. A long ripening period with fairly large balanced crops allowed for an extra week or so on the vine, increasing flavor concentration

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

The nose has graceful honeysuckle, lime peel, hyacinth and elder flower notes. The palate is creamy and opulent, with well centered honeydew melon and nectarine flavors, while the wine finishes bright and satisfying with long, lingering white peach notes.