

## 2011 Sauvignon Blanc

### Winegrowing Information:

2011 was the coolest growing season on record for the North Coast of California wine country. This resulted in a prolonged hang time for our Sauvignon Blanc; we hand harvested the grapes the late part of September. Our ability to give the grapes time on the vine resulted in even ripening and the development of enhanced and layered flavors.

Back in 2008 we discussed the idea of introducing a white wine. Kamen Estate is a warm climate property and had previously been dedicated to red varietals. However, Phil Coturri's intuition that Sauvignon Blanc would be a perfect fit for Kamen Estate led to the planting of Eisele vineyard cuttings

and the rest is history. In 2009 we planted a low block of our estate. The exceptional soil drainage, fractured volcanic rock without ceilings of ash creates exceptional minerality and the right spot for our Sauvignon Blanc. We grow two clones - Sauvignon Blanc which offers a racy, gravelly component and

Sauvignon Musque known for its intense tropical aromatic quality create our structured and balanced final wine.

#### Winemaker's Notes:

Our 2011 Sauvignon Blanc is a vibrant wine bursting with freshly cut fruit aromas of white peach, citrus, bosc pear and sweet floral notes of jasmine and oleander. The rich texture is punctuated with bright acidity and offers flavors of lemon curd, baked stone fruits and our hallmark of clean, stony minerality. It is a complex white from start to finish and is a terrific pairing with a variety of cuisines.

# Grape Source

100% Estate Grown Sauvignon Blanc & Sauvignon Musque Southern Mayacamas Mountains Elevation 1100' to 1450' Sonoma Valley, Certified Organic & Biodynamic Vineyards

#### **Production and Technical Data**

Alcohol: 13.8% Production: 250 cases Release Date: April 2012

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