

GRGICH HILLS



DOUBLE GOLD!
2003 Amenti del Vino

GOLD MEDALS!
2004 San Francisco Chronicle
2004 Monterey Wine Competition

2002 FUMÉ BLANC

Estate Grown - Napa Valley

This 2002 Fumé Blanc is our first official estate grown, produced, and bottled Sauvignon Blanc. The grapes were harvested from our American Canyon vineyard, an area that is cool, windy, and ideal for growing Sauvignon Blanc. The 2002 growing season was excellent with grapes ripening evenly, enabling us to complete our picking in just four days. This superb wine is reflective of its clay loam soil which gives a mineral quality and firm structure. The cooler climatic conditions also add vibrancy and life.

On the palate, this Fumé Blanc is broad and voluminous, powerful, yet soft and seductive. As you sip it, you will notice intriguing flavors of passion fruit, citrus, melon and fig, all derived from the Musqué clone of Sauvignon Blanc. Its long lasting finish is extremely rewarding. Our commitment and passion for Sauvignon Blanc is clearly shown in this estate grown offering.

Winemaker's Notes

Alcohol 13.5% by volume
Fermentation 85% tank; 15% barrels
Harvest date September 6-11, 2002
Sugar 22.5[Brix
Bottling date March 2003
Release date September 1, 2003
Residual sugar 20%
Total acid 7.0 g/L
pH 3.15
Time in oak 5 months
Type of oak French oak - 2 yrs. old
Case production 17,700

90
points



Tight and flinty, this Sauvignon runs along on rails, straight and long with nothing out of line. Lemon sorbet flavors give it a clean, refreshing feel, ending savory. For sole Veronique or most any light fish. - Dec. 2003

91 points

EXCEPTIONAL

2003 Beverage
Testing Institute

Brilliant straw hue. Bell pepper, grass, grapefruit, cilantro and oak aromas. Medium-full, this is a richly flavored wine with very good depth of fruit and a finish with tangy acidity and very good length. Elegantly styled, all the components come together seamlessly.



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