



HILL FAMILY
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2013 Napa Valley Sauvignon Blanc

Production: 1,284 cases
Composition: 99% Sauvignon Blanc & 1% Semillon
Vineyards: Windy Flats, Watson & Alsace
Appellations: Wooden Valley & American Canyon
Elevation: Both vineyards are hillside slopes off the valley floor
Cooperage: Fermented and aged 100% in stainless steel
Alcohol: 14.0%, TA 0.61, pH 3.21
Bottling date: 1/20/2014
Release date: February 2014
Release price: \$24.00

The 2013 Hill Family Estate Sauvignon Blanc is a blend of two vineyards, plus a small amount of Semillon. Each vineyard offered an irresistible combination for Sauvignon Blanc. The 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 is fragrant and lifts white peach, lychee, and honeydew melon into the aroma. The palate is full with a big center and nice acidity, showing melon and white peach flavors to match the nose, then adding in Meyer lemon, and some golden delicious apple.