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Louis Mel

SAUVIGNON BLANC
2011

Appellation: Livermore Valley, San Francisco Bay
Winemaker: Karl D. Wente
Alcohol: 13.0%

Origin: A French emigrant, Louis Mel traveled the western United States in the 1870's seeking a place to make wines to rival the great French Crus. He found the ideal home in the Livermore Valley. Acquiring Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon cuttings from the Marquis de Lur-Saluces, owner of the famed Chateau Y'quem, he planted them in his vineyards. The Wente family acquired the Louis Mel estate in the 1930's, where the descendants of these vines, located in the southern Livermore Valley, live in gravel and loam soils similar to the terroir of their native Bordeaux.

Fermentation: The grapes were fermented cold to ensure that the natural fruitiness was retained.

Aging: This wine was aged in stainless steel tanks.

Description: This Sauvignon Blanc has a beautiful straw color and aromas of guava, melon, gooseberry, citrus and lime. With crisp acidity and flavors of honeydew melon and pineapple, this wine delivers a long, refreshing finish.



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