



AMERICA'S GRAND WINE ESTATE

*Rubicon Estate*



## 2007 CAPTAIN'S RESERVE SAUVIGNON BLANC

Captain's Reserve wines are produced in extremely limited quantities each year, exclusively for wine club members and guests of the Estate. They are named in honor of Captain Gustave Niebaum, the visionary who, in the 1880s, founded Inglenook and brought Napa Valley worldwide recognition. Made from grapes grown in the finest Napa Valley vineyards—including Rubicon Estate—these wines are created to illustrate the intensity and depth of flavors that have made this region famous.

Because most of our Estate wines are designed to mature and develop complexity with cellaring, it was our goal with Captain's Reserve to craft wines that would not need aging and be immediately accessible upon release. Of course, Sauvignon Blanc doesn't require maturation anyway, but we plant so little of this varietal on the Estate that we haven't been able to offer this white wine in the past. Because we procure fruit for our Captain's Reserve wines from nearby vineyards, we are now able to offer this noble varietal. Not only does Sauvignon Blanc give us the opportunity to implement totally different winemaking techniques, it lets us bring something unique to our portfolio of wines.

The 2007 vintage started with an early bud-break following a very dry spring. The summer was also mild with the exception of two very warm weeks in early July. By early August, we were already tasting exciting flavors in the Sauvignon Blanc grapes from Napa Valley. The flavors intensified and sugars rose to perfect ripeness by the third week of August and harvest began.

Our 2007 Captain's Reserve Sauvignon Blanc has an enticing perfume of fresh citrus and tropical fruit. Rich, mouthwatering flavors of pineapple, guava and melon mingle with notes of zesty lemon to create a refreshing yet complex white wine.

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| APPELLATION:            | NAPA VALLEY           |
| BLEND:                  | 100% SAUVIGNON BLANC  |
| BARREL REGIMEN:         | STAINLESS STEEL TANKS |
| ACID:                   | .64/100ML             |
| PH:                     | 3.41                  |
| ALCOHOL:                | 13.3%                 |
| SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE: | \$24 <sup>00</sup>    |