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NAPA VALLEY & WILLAMETTE VALLEY

## Cornerstone Cellars 2010 Napa Valley Sauvignon Blanc

Vineyard:	Talcott Vineyard in St. Helena
Composition:	100% Sauvignon Blanc (clone 1)
Harvest:	Talcott Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc was harvested September 13th, 2010
Bottling Date:	March 30th., 2010
Cases Produced:	968 cases
Harvest Analysis:	23.70 Brix, pH 3.30, T.A. 0.650 g/100mL
Bottling Analysis:	Alcohol 14.1 % v/v, pH 3.26, T.A. 0.69 g/100mL

Our 2010 Cornerstone Cellars Napa Valley Sauvignon Blanc was harvested in the pre-dawn cool of the morning on the 13th of September. The ripe, beautiful golden fruit was gently pressed to extract only the highest quality free-run juice, maintaining and protecting the natural brilliant aromatic and flavor profiles while minimizing phenolic (tannin) characteristics. An extremely cool, gradual fermentation in stainless steel enhanced the retention of the intensely lifted aromatic and flavor characteristics of this beautiful vineyard. Gradually fermenting for over a month, the wine was then racked into mature French oak barrels for *sur-lie* aging that added a richness to the mid-palate and a lingering, complex finish.

The 2010 vintage was fantastic for our white varieties and especially the Sauvignon Blanc from the Talcott Vineyard. A smaller crop than 2009, the 2010 fruit exhibited intensely ripe flavors and aromatics. The Napa Valley experienced an unusually cool summer with a coastal cloud layer that seemed never to break up causing the vineyard growth cycle to move along slowly. This allowed ripening to occur at an even pace giving the fruit the ability to develop intense aromatics and flavors with a perfectly balanced acidity. Even an extreme late August heat wave couldn't deter a perfectly balanced Sauvignon Blanc crop, due to the 'precision farming' of our skilled vineyard management team.

The smaller crop level of the 2010 Cornerstone Cellars Sauvignon Blanc is exhibited by the intense aromatics and flavors leaping out of the glass. A vibrantly rich Sauvignon Blanc with a great depth of flavor that is balanced by zesty acidity and a firm minerality. Substantial, sophisticated and seductive this elegant expression of Sauvignon Blanc will achieve perfection complimenting shellfish and the freshest seafood you can find.

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