

FOREFRONT

2009 SAUVIGNON BLANC



About ForeFront

The Andrus family, founders of Napa Valley's Pine Ridge winery over 30 years ago, were at the forefront of winemaking around the new world, taking risks and challenging the status quo. Our wines pay tribute to their contributions, commitment to quality and adventurous spirit, capturing distinctive blends and sourcing from the best appellations.

Varietal
100% Sauvignon Blanc

Appellation
50% Sonoma
32% Napa and
18% Mendocino counties

Alcohol
13.5%

Release Date
April 1, 2010

SRP
\$16

The Wine

The blending of grapes sourced from neighboring appellations gives this wine exceptional balance and complexity. The Napa fruit brings a raciness and a bright character that beautifully complements the rich mouthfeel and tropical fruit of the Sonoma grapes, which are the core of the blend, while the Mendocino fruit adds complexity and citrus notes.

VARIETAL	APPELLATION	VINTAGE NOTES
50%	Sonoma	A nearly ideal season without frost or heat spikes produced perfectly ripe fruit.
32%	Napa	A dry spring and moderate temperatures combined to produce smaller, more flavorful berries.
18%	Mendocino	A rainy spring produced bigger clusters which ripened fully with the help of a heat wave just before harvest.

The Winemaking

The grapes were picked and sorted by hand in the vineyard, then quickly pressed while still cool to retain delicate fruit flavors. The juice underwent a long, cool fermentation in stainless tanks, never seeing oak, to maintain a fresh character. The finished wine was kept on the lees and stirred weekly to add body and complexity before being bottled.

The Flavor Profile

This mouthwatering wine balances bright acidity with a creamy mouthfeel, produced by its time on the lees, for an intense, yet refreshing profile. Juicy and expansive, notes of ruby grapefruit, guava and pomelo flavors explode over the palate, expressing hints of richer honeysuckle and pineapple throughout a finish that just doesn't stop.