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2010 ELOQUENCE

NAPA VALLEY LATE HARVEST WHITE WINE

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TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: NAPA VALLEY

VARIETALS: SAUVIGNON BLANC &
SEMILLON

ALCOHOL: 11% BY VOL.

SUGAR AT HARVEST: 32.5° BRIX

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 12.2° BRIX

IN THE VINEYARD

The grapes for the 2010 vintage of our Eloquence Late Harvest White Wine come from several Napa Valley Vineyards that provide the perfect conditions for botrytis cinerea, “the noble rot” which is responsible for some of the world’s greatest dessert wines. The vineyard sites were selected because the canopy grows denser and the fog lingers longer than in some other parts of the Napa Valley, creating the humid environment needed to naturally produce a late harvest wine.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKERS

In order to produce a late harvest wine that balances sweetness with natural acidity, the grapes were harvested from their respective vineyards and then hand sorted at the winery, looking for those grapes with pure botrytis in the fruit. After final selection, the grapes were gently pressed over several hours. Following pressing, the wine underwent a very slow fermentation over six weeks at a low temperature, and was then held in stainless steel tanks until bottling. The 2010 Eloquence is a blend of Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon.

WINE PROFILE

Our Eloquence Late Harvest White Wine has returned! Opening with a burst of apricot, apple cider and mango, the nose elegantly evolves into refined notes of honey, basil and fresh cut grass. The wine offers a soft mouth feel and displays a great acidity that perfectly balances the sweetness. Luscious flavors of white nectarine, pineapple, honey and vanilla coat the palate and make this dessert wine a perfect pairing for a pineapple upside-down cake or a cheese tray accompanied by dried fruits and nuts.