



## 2013 LILLIE SAUVIGNON BLANC

### WINEMAKER NOTES:

Our 2013 Lillie exhibits classic Sauvignon Blanc aromas and flavor profile. Part grapefruit and lemongrass are present in the perfume, and a hint of oak aging on the nose that is intended to draw down the brightness of the wine. As the wine spends time in the glass the nose gains weight and adds a broader richness of almond and fig which carries through to the front of the palate before the austerity of the high acid vintage cleans the palate with a citrus rind freshness and a salinity that makes this a wine a candidate to consider cellaring.

In what is going to be considered one of the best vintages coming out of Napa Valley in the past 50 years, our 2013 bottling of Lillie is one of our most classic and attractive Sauvignon Blancs. The year was relatively warm but it wasn't until the Fourth of July which capped off a 7-day heat wave that pushed vineyard development. The remainder of July and most of August were below average warmth that allowed for balanced ripening and we harvested our Sauvignon Blanc on the 18th of August, while the fruit was still climbing toward the peak of its maturity.

Since the inception of Lillie in 2009, it has been our goal to produce a Sauvignon Blanc at Larkmead that is versatile and will stand the test of time. It is evident in the 2013 vintage, which reminds us of wines produced in 2010 and 2011, that this wine brings an ample amount of freshness and vibrancy, but with age a weight will build on the body of the wine that will draw serious contemplation. We look forward to enjoying the wine in its youth, but more importantly laying it down for the next 5+ years. Drink at cellar temperatures (55°F) to enjoy the wine's nuance.

*"Wonderfully floral and mineral. White peach, flowers, mint and crushed rocks emerge from a wine with more than a passing resemblance to the great Graves whites. The persistent, textured finish proves to be absolutely irresistible."* Antonio Galloni - 93 Points, *Vinous*, December 2014



#### FRUIT:

100% Estate grown fruit,  
produced and bottled at Larkmead Vineyards

#### VARIETAL COMPOSITION:

100% Sauvignon Blanc

#### AGING:

Fermented and aged in an upright, 600 gallon wood tank (Grenier "foudre") and a mix of new and used French oak (Ermitage) barrels for 8 months.

15% New French Oak.

