



**WINE:**

2014 LILLIE SAUVIGNON BLANC

**CLASSIFICATION:**

LARKMEAD

**PRODUCTION:**

448 CASES

**VARIETAL COMPOSITION:**

100% SAUVIGNON BLANC

**SOIL PROFILE:**

PLEASANTON LOAM (CLAY)

**ALCOHOL:**

14.1%

**FRENCH OAK AGING:**

9 MONTHS, 25% NEW

TONELLERIE ERMITAGE

51% Foudre

49% HOGS HEAD & BARRIQUE

**TASTING NOTES:**

THE 2014 LILLIE SAUVIGNON BLANC BUILDS INTENSITY IN THE GLASS. THE AROMAS BEGIN EXTREMELY QUIET AND RESTRAINED WITH SUBTLE HINTS OF LEMON CURD AND TOAST FROM OAK AGING AND A WAXY-YELLOW CRAYON FROM EXTENDED CONTACT WITH THE LEES. AS THESE HEAVY LAYERS ARE STRIPPED AWAY, A CLASSIC SAUVIGNON BLANC PERFUME EMERGES WITH BRIGHTER GRAPEFRUIT AND LIME SKIN, FRESH FLOWERS AND BEAUTIFUL SEA FOAM. THIS WINE PROJECTS AN EXTRAORDINARY ARC OF AROMAS THAT KEEPS DRAWING YOU BACK INTO THE GLASS, ALMOST MAKING YOU HESITATE FROM TAKING A SIP. SIMILARLY ON THE PALATE, THE WINE BEGINS ALMOST IMPENETRABLE BUT FINISHES EXUBERANT AND BOLD. THE VISCOSITY OF LEES AGING THAT YOU NOTICE IN THE WAXINESS ON THE NOSE RE-EMERGES ON THE PALATE AND UNRAVELS TO COAT YOUR MOUTH. AS THE WINE BROADENS ON THE PALATE, THE FLAVORS MIRROR THE PATH WE SAW IN THE PERFUME BUT WITH ELEVATED TONES - THE RICHNESS OF THE LEMON CURD TURNS OILY, THE LIME SKIN NOW BECOMES ZESTY, THE FLOWERS ARE NOW CRUSHED AND THE WINE FINISHES WITH A TOUCH OF MINT AND A SLIGHT PITHY BITTERNESS FROM THE GRAPEFRUIT NOTES. IT IS A TRULY REMARKABLE JUXTAPOSITION OF AROMAS AND FLAVORS.

**DRINKING WINDOW:**

THE 2014 VINTAGE SAUVIGNON BLANC WAS HARVESTED SLIGHTLY EARLIER THAN NORMAL BECAUSE OF THE RAPID MATURITY OF THE FRUIT DUE TO THE VERY WARM NIGHTS DURING THE GROWING SEASON. THESE NIGHTS, AS A RESULT, PUSHED THE SUGARS AHEAD OF THE ACID IN THE WINE, AND IN TURN MADE THIS AN INCREDIBLY ENJOYABLE AND EARLY DRINKING WINE. OVER THE COURSE OF THE NEXT 2-3 YEARS, THE WINE WILL APPEAR TO BE GETTING FATTER BUT IN ACTUALITY IT WILL BE BUILDING LAYERS OF NUANCE THAT WILL BE ON THE DRIED FRUIT, DRIED FLOWER AND HONEYED SIDE THAT WILL MAINTAIN THEIR PRESENCE IN THE WINE FOR AN ADDITIONAL 5-7 YEARS.

-DAN PETROSKI, WINEMAKER

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