

2000 SAUVIGNON BLANC NAPA VALLEY

Celebrating Our Twentieth Vintage

THE BLEND 100% Sauvignon Blanc 75% Rutherford

25% Yountville

PRODUCTION 21,000 cases produced

RELEASE DATE May 1, 2001

STATS harvested August 21 - August 31, 2000

13.5% alcohol ~ 6.5 gr/1 total acidity ~ 0.0185% residual sugar ~ 3.15pH

WINEMAKING whole cluster pressed 100% tank fermented

native and inoculated yeast 6 months sur lie

VINTAGE Nearly everyone is excited about the 2000 vintage, and what's not to like? Spot on normal winter

rains; perfect, even budbreak; no significant frost; ideal pollination; balanced ripening and textbook start dates. A classic Napa Valley Vintage. Of course, we did have a bit of excitement, harvesting our entire sauvignon crop within only ten days... but that's why they call it the *Crush!*

WINEMAKER COMMENTS As we look back over the last two decades of making our Sauvignon Blanc, we think about the things that have been important to us: varietal character, a fresh, lively palate and, increasingly, a reflection of terroir. You've heard us talk about our commitment to Sauvignon Blanc grown in Rutherford. This vintage we've put our fruit where our mouth is, so to speak. The 2000 vintage saw the first crop from our new Galleron Vineyard, bringing us ever closer to our goal of producing a Sauvignon with all Rutherford fruit. This Sauvignon boasts a whopping 75% Rutherford fruit and is *pure* Sauvignon, absolutely no Semillion. With classic aromas of slate and gooseberries brilliantly coupled with fresh, crisp flavors that are surprisingly long on the palate, Frog's Leap Sauvignon Blanc 2000 is the perfect example of why we are so enthusiastic about this

beloved appellation and our signature varietal.

WINEMAKERS John Williams and Paula Siroky