



Merry Edwards Wines

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

2009 Merry Edwards Sauvignon Blanc Russian River Valley

Forty-two percent of the grapes in this Sauvignon Blanc now come from vineyards exceeding thirty years of age. In 2009 we were fortunate to add Poplar, owned by Kent Richie, and the Martinelli Home Ranch to our mature collection that includes Dutton-Cohen and La Rochelle. These are rare treasures here in Russian River Valley. Other contributors to this wine are our own Meredith Estate, Crinella and Dutton-Jewell, all planted to Sauvignon Musqué.

We have maintained our commitment to barrel fermenting all of the wine in French oak, eighteen percent of which is new. It has been exciting to follow its development over the past several months. The wine has responded to our biweekly regimen of intensive lees stirring leading to a rapid increase in depth and flavor.

The experience of tasting this luscious Sauvignon Blanc begins with a complex, mouthwatering aroma of golden delicious and honey crisp apples accented with crème brûlée and sweet Meyer lemon. Sophisticated mineral notes appear as the wine opens. An underlayment of lychee fruit, ripe pineapple and white peach then follows. The rich palate is finely tuned, with an excellent, refreshing balance. If possible, allow some of this vintage to age in your cellar — patience will bring ample reward.

Ken and I served our Sauvignon Blanc recently to friends with a delicious parfait of king crab, salmon caviar and wasabi cream. For a warm weather luncheon, pair this lively wine with Chicken Marbella or open-face egg salad sandwiches garnished with pancetta.