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### Winemakers Notes

At harvest, we hand-selected every cluster in the vineyard and only those with the correct raisining and 50% or more Botrytis made it to the winery. And sweet it was at 1/3 of its weight in sugar! The thick juice and crushed grapes (crushed under foot, a la "I Love Lucy"), were too much for our pumps so we did a lot of gentle transfers by hand. We utilize press-aid to keep the "must" from becoming one big hard cake, and a six hour press cycle (up from normal 2 hour) to extract the maximum moisture out of the raisins. After a month of fermenting, we arrested the ferment at a point in the Sauternes tradition, 14% alcohol and 12% residual sugar. This Late Harvest Sauvignon Blanc shows some varietal grassiness and flowers in the aromas with hints of honey. Flavors follow through with more honey, a touch of apricot and a finish with fresh grapefruit, rather rich and interesting. Join us in enjoying our Late Harvest Sauvignon Blanc as a dessert on its own or with perhaps a peach upside-down cake.

Winemaker,

### Technical Notes

Varietal Composition:	100% Sauvignon Blanc
Residual Sugar:	11.18%
Total Acidity:	.71 grams /100ml
pH:	3.64
Finished Alcohol:	13.9% by volume
Bottling:	December 17, 2008

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