



HILL FAMILY
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2009 Late Harvest Sauvignon Blanc

Production: 386 cases

Composition: 100% Sauvignon Blanc

Vineyards: Stewart Ranch

Appellation: Carneros

Elevation: Valley floor

Cooperage: Neutral oak

Alcohol: 13.4%, TA 0.78, pH 3.52, 11.1% RS

The 2009 Hill Family Estate Late Harvest Sauvignon Blanc comes from the Stewart Ranch, a peninsula of vineyard in the Napa Marshes Wildlife Area in Carneros. Cool breezes and frequent fog make a late harvest possible here even when other areas of Napa become too warm. Persistent botrytis developed, making up more than about 35% of the final volume, and sugars continued to rise and concentrate. The clusters were so shriveled down that all grapes were foot-stomped in the harvest boxes to get some juice started before pressing. The result, even after 10 months in barrel, is a distinctive late harvest wine with little question about what variety it was made from. It should age gracefully for years, mellowing out a bit from its present exuberance.

Winemaker Alison Doran's Tasting notes:

This wine has a big caramelized pink grapefruit pineapple nose, with honey and sweet toasty notes that will grow with time. The palate is huge, rich, and unctuous, with all sorts of flavors jumping out – apricot, pineapple, grapefruit, and gooseberry, with enough acidity to stay balanced, but definitely a bodacious beauty!