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# CASEY FLAT RANCH 2011 SAUVIGNON BLANC

CAPAY VALLEY

"When harvesting the Casey Flat Ranch Sauvignon Blanc, my goal is to find perfect balance between the amazing tropical flavors and the acidity in the berry."

## LAURA BARRETT, Winemaker



### THE VINEYARD

The Casey Flat Ranch vineyard sits on a gentle slope at a 2000-foot elevation in the rugged western mountains overlooking the Capay Valley. The 24-acre vineyard is planted to Bordeaux and Rhone varieties. The first vines were planted in 2004 and the vineyard is sustainably cultivated, using materials and farming techniques that emphasize water and soil conservation. The growing season brings warm days and cool nights, creating climate conditions similar to the St. Helena appellation, just 22 miles to the West.

#### THE VINTAGE

The 2011 growing season began with a cool, wet spring with rains falling into early June. The summer days were mild, with few reaching 100 degrees. As in 2010, this was an ideal growing season for Casey Flat Ranch. We were able to slow down the ripening process and extend hang time well into the month of October, resulting in optimal flavor and tannin development.

## TASTING NOTES

Fragrant apricot, ripe peach and melon fill the glass. This wine has an underlying grassy character with tropical flavors and a peach essence. It is wonderfully textured and the acidity provides great structure and a lasting finish.

## THE DETAILS

Vintage: 2011

Blend: 94% Sauvignon Blanc, 6% Viognier

Production: 1064 Cases Suggested Retail: \$23.00 Release Date: July 2012