



Herb Lamb Vineyards 2010 Two Old Dogs Sauvignon Blanc

Tasting Notes

This is our sixth vintage making Sauvignon Blanc from the Mello Vineyard in Yountville, and as the vines mature and we learn to work with the fruit, in addition to highlighting the natural fruit flavors indicative of the vineyard we've also been able to coax a little more weight in the back of the palate.

Ultimately, a wine paired with your favorite meal with friends - a plate of local fruit and cheese, BBQ'd oysters or crab cakes with a lemon aioli - is the true measure of success. Try the 2010 Two Old Dogs Sauvignon Blanc as it ages in successive seasons - as a fresh jolt of spring fruits, a refreshing sip of chilled wine on a hot summer day and in the warmth and of late autumn as the wine rounds out and becomes creamier. And by the time another spring rolls around, we'll have another amazing vintage to offer.

Winemaking Notes

The 2010 Sauvignon Blanc marks the evolution in name from E II to Two Old Dogs. It is the same style wine and blend of grapes from the same vineyard, made by the same great winemaker, Michael Trujillo - but we have just changed the illustration and name.

Our Sauvignon Blanc style has always been unique; this wine is not overly ripe and creamy like some barrel fermented wines, nor is it grassy and linear like many from New Zealand. Our 2010 Two Old Dogs Sauvignon Blanc is well balanced, bright, fruity and refreshing – a very California-style wine.

Because of the cooler growing conditions in the Napa Valley in 2010, we picked these grapes, (an almost equal blend of clones 376, 530 and Sauvignon Musque), a full month later than previous vintages. The extended hang time brought us grapes that were fully mature, giving the 2010 vintage the more depth and body. Michael Trujillo has tweaked his winemaking and is extremely pleased with the results. "The blend of three yeasts and easier "champagne-style" press methods that we use highlights the lemony, grapefruit-rind and tropical fruit flavors that shine in this wine in its youth. Even in the first few months, you can taste the roundness in the palate from the pineapple/banana/melon/peach/kiwi and guava flavors, but as the wine ages and matures in the bottle, these become even more focused and the wine becomes more complex and rounded."

We have also made efforts to decrease our energy footprint and are now using durable, yet lighter weight bottles. The result is an improved design that reduces bottle weight and energy consumption.

Production and Technical Data

Production:	450 cases
Composition/Blend:	100% Sauvignon Blanc and Sauvignon Musque
Vineyards:	Mello Vineyard
Appellation:	Yountville, Napa Valley
Fermentation:	Stainless steel
Alcohol:	13.5%

