ESTATE WINERY

Tasting Notes

2009 Alibi

Bud Break: April 29, 2009 Veraison: August 1, 2009

Oak Regime: Semillon barrel fermented in Puncheons

Harvest Dates: n/a

Bottling Dates: March 24 - 25, 2010 Final Blend: • Sauvignon Blanc 75%

• Semillon 25%

Alcohol: 13.9%

Winemaker's Notes

The nose on the 2009 Alibi is crisp and refreshing with lifted lime zest and grapefruit notes developing into complex tropical fruit aromas. The palate displays citrus, grassiness and minerality. I find that this wine has great structure, a very nice mouth feel and a long smooth finish. This makes Alibi not only a fantastic wine for food but enjoyable on its own.

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2009 Vineyard Notes

The 2009 growing season started off with a cool spring which resulted in a later than normal bud break. However the cool spring was quickly followed by an exceptional fruit set in June and excellent growing conditions. This enabled rapid vine growth and the vineyard caught up quickly to where it should be. Steady warm and dry conditions graced the valley throughout the summer months and into the fall, which made for an early ripening of the grapes. The result was fruit of first rate quality, some of the best we have ever seen.

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