



# SBRAGIA

FAMILY VINEYARDS

## 2013 SAUVIGNON BLANC DRY CREEK VALLEY

*“Boasts good density and verve and finishes with very good length. Delicious, and a very good value by California sauvignon standards.” 90 points*

- Stephen Tanzer, INTERNATIONAL WINE CELLAR, April 2013



### VINEYARD

Our 2013 Sauvignon Blanc is from two important vineyards - our Home Ranch Vineyard and the Schmidt Family Ranch. Home Ranch is a five-acre parcel located on the cooler, East side of Dry Creek in Sonoma County and has been farmed by the Sbragia family for decades. It produces bright fruit flavors, good structure and balanced acidity. Schmidt Ranch is a warmer site, sustainably-farmed by Janice and Brian Schmidt. Brian and Ed Sbragia have a friendship dating back to high school in Healdsburg, and the Schmidts have had the vineyard in their family since 1876.

### VINTAGE

“Early, even and excellent” are three words being used to describe this year’s growing season and the Dry Creek wine grapes that have come from it, reflecting the consistent quality for which this world famous wine region is known. A warm, dry spring brought early bud break, helped with canopy vigor and berry size and created ideal conditions for flowering and fruit set under sunny skies. With the exception of one heat spike in late June/early July, temperatures were consistently in the zone for optimal vine activity, resulting in notably healthy vines as fruit went through veraison and started ripening.

### WINEMAKING

When crafting the Dry Creek Sauvignon Blanc we chose 100% stainless steel fermentation to protect the brightness of the fruit. The wine was then put in 3 year old barrels until the blend was bottled in March. It is bottled under screw cap closure to retain its fresh characteristics and best protect the bouquet and bright flavors of the wine.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

“The Dry Creek Valley Sauvignon Blanc is the first wine we harvest and bottle and thus marks the exciting beginning of another vintage for our family here at the winery. Its refreshing profile has made it a favorite around the country which we’re thrilled about. The 2013 has citrus and tropical aromas that are accented by bright flavors of green apple, grapefruit and lemongrass, and a lovely minerality that carries into a refreshing finish.”



### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

**Appellation:** Dry Creek Valley

**Harvest:** August 27-29 & September 20, 2013

**Blend:** 100% Sauvignon Blanc

**Cooperage:** 100% Stainless Steel

**Alcohol:** 14.0%

**TA:** 7.21 gm/L

**pH:** 3.17

**RS:** 4.0 gm/L

**Cases Produced:** 1,000

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