



Winery & Vineyards

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## 2000 ELEVEN OAKS SAUVIGNON BLANC

*Santa Barbara County*

### Winemaker's Notes:

The 2000 Sauvignon Blanc harvest was on time — a welcome experience after the last few vintages. A mild 2000 growing season provided consistent ripening for the fruit in both the warmer, interior end of the Santa Ynez Valley, as well as the cool, ocean influenced end, where we are. Thus, once again, our Eleven Oaks Sauvignon Blanc is a harmonious blend of distinctive characteristics.

This year the Westerly Vineyard (Happy Canyon/eastern Santa Ynez Valley) is the main source of the wine's green apple and citrus notes, with the Scott Vineyard (middle Santa Ynez Valley) lending its customary mango/guava characteristics. The assertive lemongrass/gooseberry and mineral components are from our estate vineyard (western Santa Ynez Valley). The 2000 Sauvignon Blanc is a bit leaner than our 1999 rendition, the result of the fruit being a little riper at lower sugars on the vine. Lower sugars also meant less alcohol, ultimately making this wine an ideal companion to a wider variety of foods.

### Technical Notes:

#### COMPOSITION:

100% Sauvignon Blanc

#### VINEYARDS:

48% Westerly, Santa Ynez Valley

32% Babcock Vineyard, Santa Ynez Valley

20% Scott Vineyard, Santa Ynez Valley

AVERAGE AGE OF VINES: Over 10 years

RESIDUAL SUGAR: DRY

TA: 7.4 G/L

pH: 3.33

ALCOHOL: 13.2%

#### VINIFICATION:

100% Barrel Fermentation; 25% Malolactic Fermentation

#### COOPERAGE:

20% New French Oak; 80% Seasoned French Barrels

TIME IN BARRELS: Three and one half months

DATE OF BOTTLING: January 29, 2001

RELEASE DATE: June 1, 2001

NUMBER OF CASES PRODUCED: 1,339 cases