



FLORA SPRINGS



WINEMAKER NOTES

Sourced from our Soliloquy Vineyard in the heart of the famed Oakville appellation of Napa Valley, the 2014 Flora Soliloquy Sauvignon Blanc fulfills our family's vision of producing a world class Sauvignon Blanc, one that eloquently expresses the distinctive vineyard in which it was grown as well as the proprietary Soliloquy clone. In 2014 we elevated this wine by using only the finest blocks in the vineyard, crafting a small production Sauvignon Blanc worthy to be the sister of Flora Springs' Trilogy, our flagship red wine. After handpicking the grapes and gently pressing the whole fruit clusters, we fermented the wine in 100% stainless steel and transferred it to small French oak barrels as well as several concrete vessels and small stainless steel drums. The wine aged on its lees for 6 months with twice monthly stirring to add creaminess and depth. Forty percent of the wine went through malolactic fermentation.

This is a full bodied, thought-provoking Sauvignon Blanc made in the Graves style, with hints of candied ginger and Bartlett Pear in the nose, followed by underlying aromas of lemongrass and limestone. The generous fruit profile is accompanied by a distinct green tea character on the palate followed by hints of Madagascar vanilla beans. While this wine has a rich brioche-like character, it finishes refreshingly crisp as a true noble Sauvignon Blanc should.

ALL THE FACTS

Appellation:	<i>Oakville, Napa Valley</i>
Varietal:	<i>100% Sauvignon Blanc</i>
Cases Produced:	<i>250</i>
Aging:	<i>6 months in a combination of new French oak barrels (71%), concrete (18%) and stainless steel drums (11%)</i>
Suggested Retail Price:	<i>\$50</i>
Enjoyability:	<i>Drink now through 2018 for optimum enjoyment</i>

ON THE VINE

Our Soliloquy Vineyard is part of our family's Crossroads Vineyard, situated in the heart of Oakville and named for Flora Springs' proprietary "Soliloquy" clone which was certified by the University of California, Davis in the 1980s. While many vineyards in the surrounding area were planted over to Cabernet Sauvignon long ago, our family has retained these special vines as a testament to this extraordinary site and to the potential for the noble Sauvignon Blanc to stand among the finest wines in the world. 2014 was the third great vintage year in a row for Napa Valley, with even bud break, flowering and fruit set and mild weather throughout the growing season and harvest.