

2000 Sauvignon Blanc

Santa Ynez Valley



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Sauvignon Blanc

PRODUCED AND BOTTLED BY
KATHY JOSEPH • LOS OLIVOS, CA
ALCOHOL 13.5% BY VOLUME



KATHY'S CORNER

Sauvignon Blanc is a great white wine.

*I consider it a perfect mate to Pinot Noir, the only other wine I make. Like Pinot, I make this wine in a style that has layers of aromas, layers of flavor, and layers of texture— **that is the Fiddlehead style!** Through winemaking choices that are driven by my palate, I strive to preserve the exciting and unique Sauvignon Blanc flavors and make a wine that is easy to drink and ultimately elegant. The Santa Ynez Valley provides an exceptional opportunity to create this wine.*

*I am a complete **hands-on winemaker**, personally tending to every aspect of grape growing, harvesting and winemaking. I strive to bring the exuberance I feel for my craft into every bottle of Fiddlehead.*

THE VINEYARDS

- The **Santa Ynez Valley** in Santa Barbara County is unique – with transverse valleys that run **due east-west**. The West end of the valley is “Pinot country”, as it is directly bathed by the coastal fog.
- **The Eastern portion of the Santa Ynez Valley is relatively warmer and is clearly ruled by Sauvignon Blanc** ... along with other Bordeaux and Rhône varietals. Daytime temperatures are perfectly mild with welcome cool evenings. Under these conditions we are able to perfectly ripen the fruit and preserve the natural grape acidity in the finished wine.
- Winemaker **Kathy Joseph** works closely with two growers who **custom farm** specific rows of Sauvignon Blanc for Fiddlehead.
- The fruit from **Valley View Vineyard**, which Fiddlehead has used since our first vintage in 1991, provides the characteristic grapefruit and mild herbal flavors in this wine.
- **Westerly Vineyard** in Happy Canyon, a younger vineyard planted in 1996, uses VSP trellising to evenly expose the fruit zone to the Santa Ynez Valley sunshine. This translates into luscious, ripe varietal flavors.

THE WINE

- 100% Sauvignon Blanc, 100% barrel fermented in French oak (35% new), non-malolactic to preserve the **essential character** of Sauvignon Blanc.
- As a young wine, it entices with delicate aromas of **melon, grapefruit and a delightful herbal hint**. And with a little bottle age, the wine evolves into complex fig aromas which incorporate vanilla and spice goodness from the barrel.
- **Fruity on the entry, tasty in the middle, and long on flavor in the finish. This wine is rich, textured and delicious!**

