



<i>Vintage</i>	2009
<i>Varietals</i>	100% Sauvignon Blanc
<i>Appellation</i>	Napa Valley
<i>Fermentation</i>	34.3% barrel fermented 65.7% cold tank fermented
<i>Wine Stats</i>	Alcohol 13.5% pH 3.18 TA 6.08 g/l RS 0.26 g/l

2009 Vintage

The 2009 vintage in Napa was mild throughout the growing season with minimal frosting in the spring and relatively few hot days in the summer and fall allowing for long slow ripening. Challenges came from late October showers, but patience and careful monitoring of the vineyards allowed us to deftly work around the rains and still harvest at optimum maturity.

Vineyards

The Oberon Sauvignon Blanc is distinctive in style because its fruit is sourced from both our warmer Oso Vineyard (45%), located in Pope Valley, and the cooler Milliken Vineyard in the southern part of the valley. “With each vintage, we want Oberon Sauvignon Blanc to show bright natural acidity and fresh flavors. We also want an underlying richness and complexity that balances the wine and adds fullness to the mouth-feel” says winemaker Tony Coltrin. “For the 2009 vintage, fruit at the early stages of ripeness with high acidity and crisp, citrus character was blended with fruit that ripened more fully in warmer climates to layer in tropical fruit flavors of melon and mango.”

Winemaking

Tony Coltrin set out to maximize fruit expression in our 2009 Oberon Sauvignon Blanc from Napa Valley. “We used both cold tank fermentation and barrel fermentation to maximize the overall fruit expression. The cold-fermentation in tank helps us maintain the pureness of fruit and aromatics, and barrel fermentation adds a subtle creaminess and length.”

35 Years of Napa Valley Roots

Napa Valley native and winemaker, Tony Coltrin, brings more than 35 years of winemaking experience to Oberon, with expertise in sourcing quality fruit from the best vineyards in the valley and understanding the region’s uniqueness for growing classic Bordeaux varieties. His long-standing relationships with local growers ensure a consistency in the quality of the grapes grown in premier Napa Valley sub-appellations for Oberon.