



<i>Vintage</i>	2005
<i>Varietals</i>	100% Sauvignon Blanc
<i>Appellation</i>	Napa Valley
<i>Fermentation</i>	27.49% barrel fermented 72.51% cold tank fermented
<i>Wine Stats</i>	Alcohol 13.5% pH 3.32 TA 7.5 g/l RS 0.03 g/l (dry)

Vintage

Napa Valley's 2005 grape growing season was excellent, marked by consistently outstanding, high-quality, abundant crops. Bloom and set-on-the-vine occurred later than usual because of wet weather that lasted well into Spring. Unseasonable precipitation into early June led to a pleasant Summer that continued the pattern of cool weather with only a few heat spikes. The September fog, that typically makes way for an Indian Summer, almost interfered with full ripening of the fruit, however the warm days finally arrived (later than normal) and the necessary sugars developed. Napa's 2005 harvest was fortunate to recognize an extended hang time with perfectly balanced sugars and acids.

Winemaking

Winemakers, Tony Coltrin & Rob Mondavi, set out to maximize fruit expression in our 2005 Oberon Sauvignon Blanc from Napa Valley. "With each vintage, we want Oberon Sauvignon Blanc to show bright acidity and fresh flavors. We also want an underlying richness that completes and balances the wine for a rounder mouth-feel" says Tony. "In 2005, we picked some of the fruit at the early stages of ripeness when the acidity was high and the flavors were leaning toward green apple and tart kiwi. To layer in flavors of melon and pear, we allowed some fruit to more fully ripen. We used both cold and barrel fermentation to maximize the overall fruit expression. Cold-fermentation helped us maintain natural fruit flavors and aromatics, and barrel fermentation added a subtle creaminess and length."

About Oberon

Oberon wines begin in the great vineyards of Napa Valley. Winemakers, Tony Coltrin and Rob Mondavi, nurture exceptional fruit from the classic Oakville, Rutherford and Stags Leap appellations, and from Napa's emerging sub-appellations. The results? Oberon Cabernet Sauvignon is velvety with blackberry and dark plum flavors. Oberon Merlot is ripe with blueberries and chocolate. Oberon Sauvignon Blanc is crisp, fruity and refreshing. So, even if you cannot be in Napa Valley, with Oberon you can experience Napa Valley in every bottle.

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