



<i>Vintage</i>	2008
<i>Varietals</i>	100% Sauvignon Blanc
<i>Appellation</i>	Napa Valley
<i>Wine Stats</i>	Alcohol 13.5% pH 3.33 TA 5.91 g/l RS 0.48 g/l

### *Vintage*

Napa Valley's 2008 growing season was dramatic, but resulted in excellent quality fruit with great flavor concentration. A very dry spring caused buds to emerge early and, thus, experience an extended frost in late March and early April, which significantly cut the crop. The early vine development was slowed down by a cool summer of consistent temperatures, and harvest began only slightly ahead of normal. A heat spell in late August sped up ripening suddenly, but cool fall temperatures that followed lengthened the harvest. This second consecutive dry growing season in the Napa Valley and the reduced crops resulted in vines yielding berries that showed great expression of their vineyards and rich, concentrated flavors.

### *Winemaking*

Winemakers Tony Coltrin and Rob Mondavi set out to maximize fruit expression in our 2008 Oberon Sauvignon Blanc from Napa 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 Tony. "For the 2008 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. 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."

### *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 Taste the Essence of Napa Valley.