

# FARELLA-PARK

V I N E Y A R D S



## 2007 SAUVIGNON BLANC “LA LUCE”

Sauvignon Blanc is one of our favorite refreshments -- crisp, fresh and lively. We have subscribed to this style for over 20 years from the same block on our vineyard estate. We keep 15 – 20% of our Sauvignon Blanc grapes, the remainder going to Lail and Honig wineries.

This is the inaugural vintage of our estate bottled Sauvignon Blanc with the name “La Luce” which is an homage to this wine and our Italian heritage, but in particular to my father, Frank Farella (alive and well!) and his passion for our vineyard and the spectacular sunsets we enjoy from our west-facing site on an almost daily basis.

Many Napa Valley Sauvignon Blancs are made with an attempt at richness and complexity but, too often, result in wines that are better compared to their Chardonnay cousins. The key to a lively Sauvignon Blanc is harvesting at the lowest sugar level in the ripeness window and a cold fermentation with Champagne yeast under 50 degrees Fahrenheit. We also ferment in a stainless steel tank and minimize the handling of the wine, again to maintain freshness.

In the end, our Sauvignon Blanc is best compared to the light, fresh, relatively low alcohol white wines commonly found in Northern Italy. We have been amazed at the ability of those wines to refresh and not dull the senses due to their low alcohol and high acidity. It is difficult to find wines made domestically in this category with any varietal.

Since our first vintage in 1985, we have produced Sauvignon Blancs that play off of the citrus and lightly tropical fruit characteristics that are so often overblown in the wide range of styles produced in California. We have sought to enhance the delicacy and refreshment that can make Sauvignon Blanc such a wonderful aperitif to enhance your appetite and enliven your palate.

### **Wine Details:**

One hundred percent Sauvignon Blanc from our estate vineyard in the southeastern corner Napa Valley known locally as "Coombsville." Estate grown, produced and bottled.

Cases produced: 194 @ 750mL

Fermented and aged in a stainless steel tank. No oak aging.

0% malo-lactic      3.17pH      0.69 TA      13.0% Alc.

### **Winemaker's Notes:**

Light and fresh with crisp acidity. Aromas and flavors of honeydew melon, grapefruit and lightly flinty. Crisp, clean and refreshing in the finish. Serve well-chilled before the meal, as guests arrive or on the patio with a light lunch.