

# GRGICH HILLS



**DOUBLE GOLD!**  
2003 Amenti del Vino

**GOLD MEDALS!**  
2004 San Francisco Chronicle  
2004 Monterey Wine Competition

## 2002 FUMÉ BLANC

*Estate Grown - Napa Valley*

**T**his 2002 Fumé Blanc is our first official estate grown, produced, and bottled Sauvignon Blanc. The grapes were harvested from our American Canyon vineyard, an area that is cool, windy, and ideal for growing Sauvignon Blanc. The 2002 growing season was excellent with grapes ripening evenly, enabling us to complete our picking in just four days. This superb wine is reflective of its clay loam soil which gives a mineral quality and firm structure. The cooler climatic conditions also add vibrancy and life.

On the palate, this Fumé Blanc is broad and voluminous, powerful, yet soft and seductive. As you sip it, you will notice intriguing flavors of passion fruit, citrus, melon and fig, all derived from the Musqué clone of Sauvignon Blanc. Its long lasting finish is extremely rewarding. Our commitment and passion for Sauvignon Blanc is clearly shown in this estate grown offering.

### Winemaker's Notes

*Alcohol* ..... 13.5% by volume  
*Fermentation* ..... 85% tank; 15% barrels  
*Harvest date* ..... September 6-11, 2002  
*Sugar* ..... 22.5[Brix  
*Bottling date* ..... March 2003  
*Release date* ..... September 1, 2003  
*Residual sugar* ..... 20%  
*Total acid* ..... 7.0 g/L  
*pH* ..... 3.15  
*Time in oak* ..... 5 months  
*Type of oak* ..... French oak - 2 yrs. old  
*Case production* .... 17,700

**90**  
points



**T**ight and flinty, this Sauvignon runs along on rails, straight and long with nothing out of line. Lemon sorbet flavors give it a clean, refreshing feel, ending savory. For sole Veronique or most any light fish. - *Dec. 2003*

**91** points

**EXCEPTIONAL**

2003 Beverage  
Testing Institute

**B** Brilliant straw hue. Bell pepper, grass, grapefruit, cilantro and oak aromas. Medium-full, this is a richly flavored wine with very good depth of fruit and a finish with tangy acidity and very good length. Elegantly styled, all the components come together seamlessly.



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