

# BENZIGER

FAMILY WINERY

2012 SAUVIGNON BLANC  
NORTH COAST  
Alcohol 13.5% | TA .66 | pH 3.26



**TASTING NOTES** | Bright citrus and floral aromas introduce our Sauvignon Blanc. In the mouth, it is fresh and enduring, providing a good, but not heavy, volume. This Old World-style Sauvignon Blanc offers subtle minerality and notes of grapefruit and lime. The wine's acid is both balanced and integrated, giving it an elegant softness.

**WINEMAKING** | Grapes from the North Coast appellation, a rather large AVA, are harvested from multiple vineyards chosen for their excellent site

location and soil makeup. Each site contributes its own flare to create this complex, deeply layered wine. In the vineyard, canopy management and crop thinning are instrumental in achieving the perfect fruit-to-acid balance. It is aged in 100% stainless steel drums and left on its lees to develop more complexity and mouthfeel.

**VINTAGE** | 2012 starting out as a dry winter with substantial rains in late April-early May; the vines were able to get water at the appropriate time to induce beneficial vine growth. The remainder of the year had moderate temperatures, minus the typical heat spikes that our wine region is known for. This circumstance allowed for extended hang times, resulting in further flavor development and even ripening. It was a vintage that produced wines of abundance, while accruing striking poignancy. It will go down as one of the best vintages of the past forty years.

**BENZIGER FARMING PRACTICES** | At Benziger Family Winery, we are dedicated to winemaking that reveals the true character of the vineyard, the varietal and the vintage in certified-sustainable, -organically grown and-Biodynamic® wines defined by individuality and the passion of the people who make them. This wine was made with grapes grown by **certified sustainable farming** methods. Our sustainable philosophy promotes natural vineyard management, restoration of the land and biodiversity on the estate. We believe these practices result in wines that reflect the authentic flavors, aromas and character of the vineyard.