

# *2012 Terrace Ridge Semillon /Sauvignon Blanc*



Our Terrace Ridge® Semillon/Sauvignon Blanc was grown at elevations averaging 800 feet — a rare white blend from our mountain vineyard. The interplay between the two varieties is fascinating. On the nose one finds quince, lemongrass and lanolin; the palate shows Semillon's textbook roundness with honeycomb and white fig and the Sauvignon confers length with bright citrus flavors and a mineral cut.

## **The Story**

Ranging in elevation from 400ft to 2400ft, Stonestreet Estate Vineyards stands as the one largest and most extensive mountain vineyards in the world. Towering high above the Alexander Valley in the Mayacamas Mountain Range, Stonestreet Estate defies all previous conceptions of winegrowing. Single vineyard blocks are aligned in every imaginable spot on the compass, with peaks, valleys and ridges creating a broad spectrum of varied facings and elevations.

Winegrowers throughout history have looked to high elevation sites with impoverished, rocky soils to produce richly concentrated wines of character. Mountain vineyards are notoriously difficult to farm, and Stonestreet Estate is no exception. The Estate's myriad of vine spacing, and broad array of elevation and mesoclimate require a vine-by-vine approach to winegrowing.

As harvest approaches, our winemaking team works closely with Mother Nature to determine quality levels for each block, walking the vineyards and tasting berries for flavor and tannin maturation. The selection process is a stringent one, but the rewards are unmistakable: Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc etched with the bold and distinctive flavor profile of the Mayacamas Mountain Range.