

# 2007 Sauvignon Blanc Lake County

## History

In 1861 Lake County was created from parts of Napa and Mendocino counties and has since been well known as a farming community.

In the 1870s vineyards were planted and by the early 1900s the area was already earning its reputation for producing "World's greatest wines". Prohibition forced an end to the Lake County wine production in 1920; some of the vineyards were removed and replaced with walnut and pear orchards.

The comeback of the wine industry began in the 1960s when a few growers rediscovered the area's grape growing potential and once again began planting vineyards. Lake County now has close to 10,000 acres of planted vineyards, and is among the fastest growing regions in California. This area has also seen the recent establishment of several American Viticultural areas such as **High Valley** and **Red Hills**-Lake County. We are proud to say that Lake County contains many vineyards that support the California Wine Institute's Code of Sustainable farming practices.

## Winemaking Notes

The 2007 Shannon Ridge Sauvignon Blanc reminds me of a snowy winter day in January up at the Shannon Ridge ranch. Since this is the first fruit we pick and it does not get aged in oak, it is also the first wine we bottle from the vintage. In January we generally find ourselves hunkered down in the Shannon Ridge vineyard office making the final adjustments to perfect the Sauvignon Blanc. As we sat diligently working on the blend the first snow storm of the year casually slipped in from the Northern Pacific Ocean bringing a dark gray spectrum of heavy clouds and a burst of cold air. Over the course of the afternoon we watched out the window as the dollar-bill-sized snowflakes fell from the sky. Of course sitting inside was not an option at this point, we were drawn outside by the amazing spectacle. As we stood and watched individual flakes fall from the sky we marveled in the pure splendor of the skies, and felt the sting of the lively snowflakes as they embraced our skin. You may be asking why does the Shannon Ridge 2007 Sauvignon Blanc "remind you of a snowy day in January?" Like the snow in the high county, the Shannon Ridge 2007 Sauvignon Blanc is pure and elegant. The near colorless appearance, electrifying aromatics, and crisp cooling acid, parallel the snow on that cold January day.

We present this 2007 Sauvignon Blanc as a preview to a wonderful 2007 vintage of wines from Shannon Ridge. Enjoy the cool crisp Sauvignon Blanc on a hot summer day as a reprieve from the heat for the mind, body and soul as I recall a snowy winter day in January up at the Shannon Ridge ranch. Cheers!

## Tasting Notes

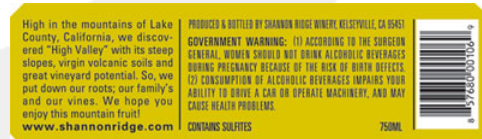
**Color:** Pale Gold, light straw  
**Aroma:** Citrus, lemon/lime, mild guava spice, with a slightly grassy lifted note  
**Flavor:** Citrus grapefruit and white peach  
**Texture:** Lively acid, crisp and clean with a smooth well balanced finish

## Technical Data

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**Alcohol:** 13.6%  
**Total Acidity:** 0.58g/mL  
**pH:** 3.20  
**Residual Sugar:** 0.21%  
**Composition/Blend:** 100% Sauvignon Blanc  
**Appellation:** Lake County  
**Cases Produced:** 5290

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**Suggested Retail:** \$ 16.00  
**Stock#:** SN07SB

