

MORRO BAY VINEYARDS

ACAMPO, CALIFORNIA



Morro Bay, developed and owned by Pasternak Wine Imports, is the culmination of over 30 years of expertise in the wine industry.

Morro Bay is sourced from several vineyards within the Lange Family estate. The Lange family, 4th generation of grape farmers dating back to the late 1800s, currently controls 7,600 acres in California spanning three appellations and four counties.

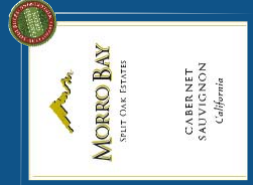
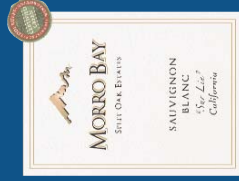
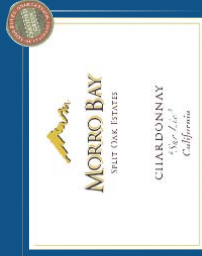
Morro Bay is produced by David Akiyoshi, Master Winemaker. A 25 year veteran winemaker from Robert Mondavi. David helped pioneer winegrower lot processing for direct wine quality feedback, supported barrel aging of premium wines for enhanced quality, and drove stylistic winemaking for hundreds of different wines.



The location of the vineyard in the Delta region of Lodi provides for dramatic temperature shifts from day to night due to the influence of the delta breeze from San Francisco Bay. This allows for a slower maturation of the grapes resulting in a better balance of acidity and complexity in the taste profile. Machine harvesting at night – cooler grapes, enhanced flavor concentration

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Split Oak Estates is farmed sustainably and reviewed annually to ensure adherence to “green” practices. The winery is also sustainable, 40% of all energy is produced on-site using solar panels. Generation of all ozone for sanitation purposes (instead of chlorine), recirculation of water usage. Pumppace from crush is used for weed suppressor and fertilizer.



Chardonnay
Sauvignon Blanc
Cabernet Sauvignon

MORRO BAY

Acampo, California



Split Oak Estates Chardonnay Sur Lie 2010

THE VINEYARD

Morro Bay Chardonnay is sourced from several vineyards within the Lange Family estate. The Lange Family have been farming in the Lodi appellations for four generations dating back to the late 1800's. The location of the vineyard in Lodi provides for dramatic temperature shifts from day to night due to the influence of the delta breeze from San Francisco Bay. This allows for a slower maturation of the grapes resulting in a better balance of acidity and complexity in the taste profile.

HARVEST & AGING

The vineyards are hand-pruned by experienced work crews adept at spur selection. Green harvesting is determined based on the berry set for a particular vintage. In addition to green harvesting, shoot removal and leaf pulling are employed to further enhance flavor concentration. Machine harvesting is done at night allowing the grapes to cool and thus maximize the flavors, acidity and balance. All grapes are sorted via a sorting belt prior to being pressed. Special yeast for fermentation is selected for ability to age with the wine. The classic Burgundian winemaking term for this process of aging wines with the yeast is called "sur-lie" or literally "on the lees". This is a traditional technique and a very important step, giving the wine a creamier texture and pleasing aroma. The lees settle to the bottom and then are lifted and stirred into the wine a minimum of every other week. Most wineries do not use this method because it is labor intensive, taking six months to achieve the desired effect on the wine.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Vanilla cream soda nose with a slice of fresh cut pineapple. Full body, tropical fruit, spice and pleasing vanilla oak note linger in the finish. Sweet flavor on the palate is from sur-lie aging the wine on the primary yeast lees for 6 months. A versatile style of wine that can be served chilled with fine cuisine or a glass with friends.

Grape Varieties: 100% Chardonnay

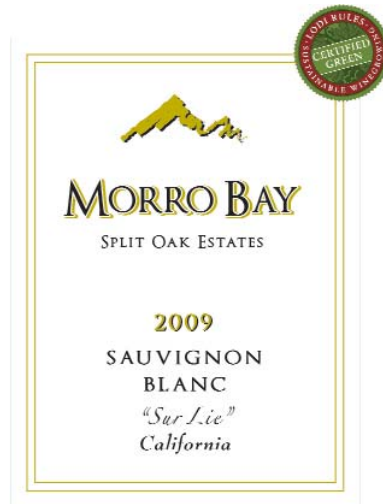
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Split Oak Estates Sauvignon Blanc Sur Lie 2009

THE VINEYARD

Morro Bay Split Oak Estate Sauvignon Blanc is a musque clone Sauvignon Blanc, it is sourced from several vineyards within the Lange Family estate. The Lange Family have been farming in the Lodi appellations for four generations dating back to the late 1800's. The location of the vineyard in Lodi provides for dramatic temperature shifts from day to night due to the influence of the delta breeze from San Francisco Bay. This allows for a slower maturation of the grapes resulting in a better balance of acidity and complexity in the taste profile.

HARVEST & AGING

The 2009 vintage began with average winter rains, and as we moved into spring, we experienced low-heat days with little rain. This allowed for complete control of the canopy using drip-irrigation giving us the ability to manipulate the growth, even with a few unpredictable heat spikes. With mild weather during harvest (except that one rainy day in October!), the result was above average quality in flavor, color, and taste. The vineyards are hand-pruned by experienced work crews adept at spur selection. Green harvesting is determined based on the berry set for a particular vintage. In addition to green harvesting, shoot removal and leaf pulling are employed to further enhance flavor concentration. Machine harvesting is done at night allowing the grapes to cool and thus maximize the flavors, acidity and balance. All grapes are sorted via a sorting belt prior to being pressed. Reductive winemaking is employed to draw out and finesse the crisp characteristics of the varietal and the wine is held "sur-lie" or literally "on the lees". The lees settle to the bottom and then are lifted and stirred into the wine a minimum of every other week. Most wineries do not use this method because it is labor intensive, taking six months to achieve the desired effect on the wine.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Grapefruit, citrus, and melon notes highlight the 2009 Sauvignon Blanc. Hints of juniper and goodeberry add a fresh note to the signature bright aromas and crisp fruity flavors. The finish is distinct and long lasting!

Grape Varieties: 100% Sauvignon Blanc

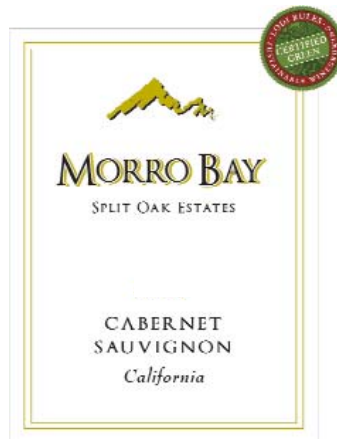
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MORRO BAY

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Split Oak Estates Cabernet Sauvignon 2009

THE VINEYARD

Morro Bay Cabernet Sauvignon is sourced from several vineyards within the Lange Family estate. The Lange Family have been farming in the Lodi appellations for four generations dating back to the late 1800's. The location of the vineyard in Lodi provides for dramatic temperature shifts from day to night due to the influence of the delta breeze from San Francisco Bay. This allows for a slower maturation of the grapes resulting in a better balance of acidity and complexity in the taste profile.

HARVEST & AGING

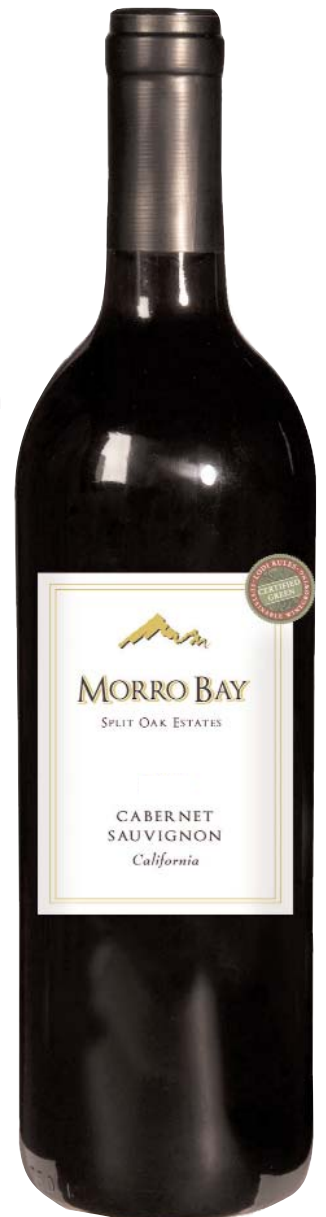
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WINEMAKER'S NOTES

A swirl of the glass showcases this wine's deep yet vibrant red color and releases its concentrated aroma of ripe cherry fruit. Mingled with the fruit are traces of chocolate and spice from oak aging. The soft tannins carry the palate through a long-finish.

Grape Varieties: 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Merlot, 6% Petit Verdot, 1% Malbec

Alcohol Content: 13.9%



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MORRO BAY

SPLIT OAK ESTATES

**CALIFORNIA
SAUVIGNON BLANC
“SUR LIE” 2009**



As seen in...



88 pts

Showing lovely, delicate orange and citron flavors, this Sauvignon Blanc is clean and zesty in acidity. It's so refreshingly dry, and has such a tangy minerality, that it's a pleasure to drink as a cocktail sipper.

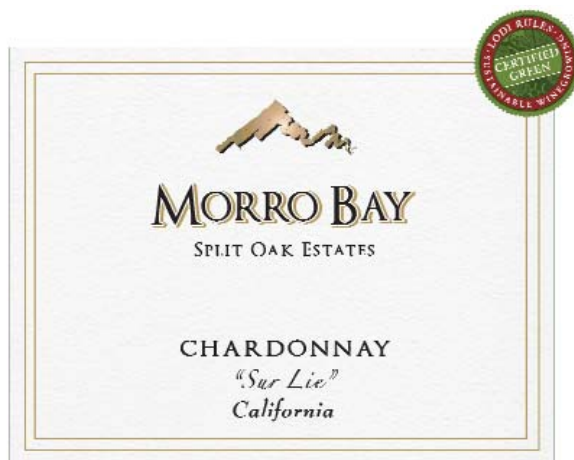
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MORRO BAY

Split Oak Estates Chardonnay Sur Lie 2010

Acampo, California



88pts

AS SEEN IN...



For a wine that's been made with a soft touch but still has some weight and finesse, this is a great value. It opens with aromas of ripe peach fuzz and crisp apple, a nice intermingling of flavors. Lemon and grapefruit ring flavors shine on the finish.

-V.B. July 2012



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