

# 2005 Hogue Terroir Sauvignon Blanc

Columbia Valley, Washington

## THE WINE

The Hogue winemakers have created the Terroir line to showcase wines that are unique as varietals and also that express the uniqueness of vineyard sites in Washington State. The wine is made in limited quantities and is sold only at the Hogue Cellars tasting room (also available by mail). The Sauvignon Blanc is distinctly different from our classic Fumé Blanc. It has less smoke and spice and more grassy, grapefruit varietal character. It opens with aromas of lemon, grapefruit and pineapple. On the palate it is bright and crisp with grapefruit and has a grassy finish. Pair it with baked halibut, oysters on the half shell or sushi.

## THE VINTAGE AND VINEYARDS

Record low snowfall during the winter led to the threat of drought. Careful water management by Hogue growers and the drought resistant nature of grapevines led to a successful high quality season. Warm spring weather was followed by a warmer than normal summer. However, the lack of any extremely hot days in July and August led to excellent fruit quality. September and October were cool and dry, leading to vibrant aromatics and crisp acids in the white wines. The grapes for the Sauvignon Blanc came from among our best vineyard sources within the Columbia Valley: Sunriver, Preston, Sunnyside, Olsen, Fries, and Reed vineyards. Harvest took place between September 4th and 12th.

## WINEMAKING NOTES

After pressing the grapes, the lots were racked into stainless steel for primary fermentation with VIN 13 AND VL3 yeast types. After fermentation the lots were racked back to stainless steel to retain the fresh fruit aromas and flavors. Finally, the lots were blended and bottled, then given 2 months of bottle aging before release.

## THE NUMBERS

Appellation: Columbia Valley

Varietal Percentage: 97% Sauvignon Blanc, 3% Semillon

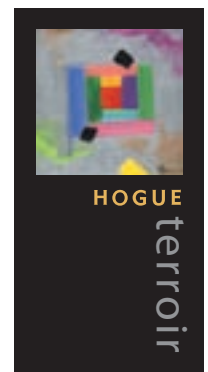
Brix at Harvest: 22.3°

TA: 0.58 g/100 ml

pH: 3.24

Alcohol: 12% by volume

Release Date: May 2006



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