



## ABOUT THE WINE

Pinot Blanc thrives in many countries and goes by many names. In Alsace, it's often called Klevner or Clevener. The Germans call it Rulander and Weissburgunder. In Hungary it's Feherburgundi. And the Czechoslovakians refer to it as Rouci Bile.

Today we realize Pinot Blanc is actually a mutation of Pinot Noir, but until the late 19th century, most wineries mistakenly thought the grape was related to Chardonnay. To further confuse the picture, until recently the California wine industry had mistakenly identified the lesser Melon de Bourgogne grape as Pinot Blanc.

One of the most distinguishing characteristics of Pinot Blanc is its viscosity. The wine is rich, lavish and mouth-coating. A longtime fan of the grape, Richard Arrowood has been producing Pinot Blanc – true Pinot Blanc – from Saralee's Vineyard since 1992.

## TASTING NOTES

Saralee's Vineyard is Richard's preferred source for Pinot Blanc in Sonoma. The cool climate of this Russian River property brings out the best qualities of this lesser-known grape. That wine's natural structure lifts the aromatics and balances the thick texture inherent in Pinot Blanc. Our 2006 is lush, creamy, nutty and dense with hints of lime blossom and vanilla.

<b>Varietal:</b>	Pinot Blanc
<b>Appellation:</b>	Sonoma County
<b>Viticultural Area/Vineyard:</b>	Russian River Valley - Saralee's Vineyard

### Technical Data:

Harvest Date:	October 20, 2006
Average Sugar at Harvest:	25.1° Brix
Average pH (harvest/bottling):	3.57/3.79
Average Total Acid (harvest/bottling):	.59g per 100ml/.42g per 100ml
Fermentation and Aging:	100% barrel fermentation; 100% malolactic fermentation; aged in French oak for eight months
Alcohol by Volume:	15.5%

<b>Release Date:</b>	April 2008
<b>Total Production:</b>	378 cases

## ABOUT ARROWOOD VINEYARDS & WINERY

When Richard and Alis Arrowood founded Arrowood Vineyards & Winery in 1986, their goal was to produce hand-made wines that showcased the diverse soils and varying microclimates of Sonoma County. At the time Richard had already established himself as one of the state's top winemakers. He helped pioneer vineyard-designate bottlings in California and has been a long-time proponent of sustainable farming techniques. Since 2006, Arrowood's estate vineyard and several of the winery's contracted vineyards have been certified organic. Thanks to Richard's strong relationships with a number of top growers, the winery harvests grapes from the best hillside, mountain and maritime-influenced vineyards throughout Sonoma County.