

# 2006 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; most 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 more than 8,800 acres of planted vineyards, which is a significant increase from less than 100 acres they had planted in 1965. 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 grapes used to produce our 2006 Shannon Ridge “Lake County” Sauvignon Blanc was hand and mechanically harvested from vineyards throughout Lake County, California. After fermentation, the wine is aged 4 – 6 months in stainless steel. This wine has a pleasing complexity of aromas with smoky mineral notes and hints of jasmine, orange blossom and fennel. The mouth feel is nicely balanced with refreshingly clean flavors similar to the aromas and added nuances of citrus, lilac and apricot.

## Tasting Notes

**Color:** Bright, pale straw color  
**Aroma:** Fresh and citric. Peaches with hints of gooseberry  
**Flavor:** Gentle, round and mouth filling with crisp acidity  
**Texture:** Smooth, crisp

## Technical Data

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<b>Alcohol:</b>	13.9%
<b>Total Acidity:</b>	0.63g/100mL
<b>pH:</b>	3.35
<b>Residual Sugar:</b>	0.20%
<b>Composition/Blend:</b>	100% Sauvignon Blanc
<b>Appellation:</b>	Lake County
<b>Barrels:</b>	Stainless Steel
<b>Time in Barrels:</b>	6 months
<b>Cases Produced:</b>	3600

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**Suggested Retail:** \$16.00

**Stock#:** SN06SB