GRGICH HILLS

GOLD MEDALS!
2005 Critics Challenge
2005 North of the Gate
2005 California State Fair
2006 Dallas Morning News
2005 Long Beach Grand Cru
2006 San Francisco Chronicle
2005 Atlanta Int'l. Wine Summit

91 points
Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine - June 2005

2004
FUMÉ BLANC

Estate Grown, Napa Valley

In a word, this wine is stunning. Even before the grapes came into the winery late last August, we knew this would be the best Fumé Blanc we have produced. It's very much in the style of our 2003, with a floral and citrus bouquet, exuberant ripe pink grapefruit, spice, and the brisk acidity that make this wine such a good food partner or crisp and refreshing on a warm summer day. Extremely low yields in 2004 (only 3 tons per acre – minuscule for this varietal) resulted in an amazing concentration of flavors – mango, passion fruit, a hint of guava – while retaining the acidity and balance Grgich Hills is known for. Alas, low yields also mean that we produced less of this lovely wine than last year – stock up today!

Winemaker's Notes

Alcohol	14.1% by volume
Fermentation	60% tank; 40% barrels
Harvest date	August 21-28, 2004
Sugar	23.5 degrees Brix
Bottling date	February 2005
Release date	June 1, 2005
Residual sugar	.20%
Total acid	6.9 g/L
pH	3.27
Time in oak	40% spent 5 months in 3-year-old French oak
Production	12,469 cases
Blend	100% Sauvignon Blanc (78% Musqué clone and 22% Clone 1)

92 *points* SMART BUY! Wine Spectator	A classy effort that hits the pleasure points, with a burst of tangy passion fruit, lemon-lime, grass and green fig flavors. Fruit intensity keeps pumping through the finish, with vibrant, citrus-driven acidity. Drink now through 2007. *-J.L.* *-August 31, 2005*
★★★★★ EXCEPTIONAL! RESTAURANT WINE	The best ever Grgich Fumé Blanc. It is intense and fine in character (lime, apple, lemon peel), supple in texture, full bodied, and well balanced, with a persistent finish. *-Issue #107*
2005 California State Fair	**BEST SAUVIGNON BLANC OF CALIFORNIA** ***(Tie)*** ***+Best of Class (Napa Appellations)***

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