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## CLONE 530 2014 SAUVIGNON BLANC

### VARIETAL BACKGROUND

Sauvignon Blanc hails from the Bordeaux and Loire regions in France, both on the Atlantic coast. More specifically, the best-known wines from Bordeaux are made in the Graves region, and in the Loire, from the Sancerre and Pouilly- Fumé areas. Other notable Sauvignon Blanc producing regions include Chile, Australia, South Africa, the Tre Venezie in Italy, Washington State and New Zealand. Sauvignon Blanc was brought to California in the late 1800s.

### SIP™ CERTIFIED SUSTAINABLE

The Niven family's estate vineyard, Paragon, has earned the Sustainability in Practice (SIP™) Vineyard Certification. Managed by their Pacific Vineyard Company, the family has ensured that these vineyards have historically been farmed in a careful and responsible manner, taking into account all facets of the surrounding environment. Certification proves their collective commitment to environmental stewardship, economic viability, and equitable treatment of employees. A project of the Central Coast Vineyard Team, SIP™ provides a comprehensive and verifiable method to authenticate a vineyard's attention to integrated farming practices.

### TANGENT SAUVIGNON BLANC

Owned and farmed by the Niven family, the Paragon Vineyard in the Edna Valley of California provides the grapes for this wine. Originally planted in 1973, these are most likely the oldest Sauvignon Blanc vines south of the North Coast. With the Pacific Ocean lying only five miles to the west, its influence creates one of the longest growing seasons in the state. As in the cool climates of both France and New Zealand, the grapes leisurely ripen, creating fruit of structured minerality and good acid backbone.

For this special Clone 530 Sauvignon Blanc, we decided to produce a wine solely from winemaker Christian Roguenant's favorite Clone. Clone 530 is one of the few clones that comes from the original home of Sauvignon Blanc, France's Loire Valley. We grow it here on our Estate Paragon Vineyard with great success. With a lighter crop and small juicy berries, this clone produces some of the most expressive wine and is one of the best aromatic clones hands down.

### TASTING NOTES FROM WINEMAKER CHRISTIAN ROGUENANT

"With a nose that bursts out of the glass, this Sauvignon Blanc has flavors of tropical fruit, citrus, apple and juicy passionfruit. With beautiful crisp acidity, this wine is perfect all on its own, or paired with any seafood."

### STATS

APPELLATION: Edna Valley  
VINEYARD SOURCE: Paragon Vineyard  
VINEYARD CERTIFICATION: SIP Certified Sustainable  
CLONE: 530  
HARVEST DATES: 8/28/14  
AVERAGE BRIX: 25.4  
FERMENTATION: Cold soaked for 2 hours then fermented in stainless steel tanks at 58 degrees for 36 days  
BARREL CONTACT: Zero  
% ML: Zero  
ALCOHOL: 14.5%  
TA: 6.23 g/l  
PH: 3.42  
BOTTLING DATE: 8/28/15  
CLOSURE: Screwcap  
CASES PRODUCED: 117  
SUGGESTED RETAIL: \$32

