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## SETA

“Seta” is Italian for silk, which appropriately describes this lush silky blend of 60% Semillon and 40% Sauvignon Blanc sourced from low-yielding vines on the Silverado Trail in the Oak Knoll district. The fruit for this wine comes from our vineyard near the Napa River. Bordering the Stags Leap District, this vineyard is dry-farmed and closely monitored during the growing season. Significant vineyard management techniques include vertical trellising, cluster thinning and leaf removal. Our goal is to attain the proper balance between fruit production and vine growth.



Appellation: 100% Napa Valley Estate  
Blend: 60% Semillon, 40% Sauvignon Blanc  
Harvested: Semillon: September 24 and 27, 2008  
Sauvignon Blanc: September 3, 2008  
Brix at Harvest: 24.2 and 23.6  
Total Acidity: 0.60  
Ph: 3.46  
Alcohol: 14.1%  
Total Production: 630 cases

Tasting Notes: The nose on this wine has aromas of white peach, caramel and citrus. The full bodied palate has gentle spices with hints of cantalope, honeydew melon and vanilla. The minerality is silky and seductive with great balanced acidity. Drinkability: 2009-2016

Winemaking Notes: The wine was 100% barrel-fermented to enhance the fruit's unusually rich and complex flavors. After whole-cluster pressing, the juice was racked into 26 % new French oak barrels for primary fermentation induced by native yeasts. The entire lot remained on the lees for 10 months before racking, blending and bottling. Tonnelleries: François Frères, Damy, Seguin Moreau. Oak types: Allier, Vosges, and Tronçais.

Harvest Report: The 2008 growing season started off with intense storms, but quickly disappeared by spring as the valley received about about 60% of normal rainfall. The spring produced one of the longest frost periods of the last 30 years with over 21 days at below freezing and caused many sleepless nights. A cold spring turned to triple digit heat in early summer. From a season that might have set a larger than normal crop, after the fruit set, fewer clusters with smaller berries appeared to be the norm. A week-long heat spell in early September ratcheted up the picking and all fruit decided to be ready at once. Overall, the 2008 crop will have lower yields, but will be of the highest quality.