

FEATURED WINES

2011 Volker Eisele Family Estate Napa Valley 'Gemini' Semillon Blend

Are you ready for a wine quiz?

Here goes: What white variety is rich and full bodied like Chardonnay, but closer in flavor to Sauvignon Blanc? Well, as you probably guessed from the title at the top of this page, it's Semillon — a variety that's often blended with Sauvignon Blanc to create cuvees that are simultaneously mouthfilling and refreshing.

Among the chief proponents of Semillon in California is the Volker Eisele Family Estate, situated in the Chiles Valley District of the Napa Valley viticultural area. Cloaked in frequent Pacific fog, Chiles Valley is one of the cooler areas of the Napa Valley, which results in a long growing season, allowing the grapes to obtain great aroma and flavor complexity.

In making its "Gemini" bottling for 2011, Volker Eisele opted for an 88:12 blend of Semillon to Sauvignon Blanc, resulting in a wine that's an ideal companion to medium-spiced Indian cuisine, as well as pork chops.

TASTING NOTES

Grape Composition:

88% Semillon and
12% Sauvignon Blanc

Aging Vessels:

French Oak Barrels (20%
First Fill) for 5 Months

Grape Source:

Napa Valley, California

When to Drink:

Now Through 2016

Aromas and Flavors:

White Peach, Melon,
Yellow Apple, Baking
Spices and Coconut

Our Tasting Panel Score:

90 Points

This "old school" Napa white offers notes of white peach, melon, yellow apple, baking spices and coconut.

FOOD PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: medium-spiced Indian cuisine, or pork chops.

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