



**Little Giant
2015 Sauvignon Blanc
Napa Valley**

History: The “Little Giant” on the label is a tribute to the Newfoundland breed. These dogs are sturdy, loyal little giants that have been bred as a working dog on the eastern seaboard. Legend has it that these dogs were brought to sea and used to pull sailors back to the ship if they fell overboard in storms. In addition, they were known to actually tow small ships to shore by putting the aft lines in their mouths and swimming. Newfoundlands and great wine are two passions of Owner/Winemaker Chris Dearden. He has lived and produced fine wines in Napa Valley since 1986. A trained enologist from UC Davis, with an MBA from the Haas School of Business at UC Berkeley, Dearden has pursued single vineyard wines for several Napa Valley clients and beginning in 2005, for his own Deardenwines labels. His wines have garnered both critical and consumer acclaim since 1995. Chris lives in Napa with his wife, two children, two Newfoundlands and a chocolate lab.

Tasting Notes by Catherine Fallis, Master Sommelier:

Daybright. Youthful. Light straw yellow with color consistent to the meniscus. Moderately viscous. On the nose, this wine has aromas of lime zest, straw, hay bale and white apricot. On the palate, it is medium-bodied, creamy then tart with an almost imperceptibly sweet finish of vanilla, violet candy and creamsicle.

Day 2

The wine is silky smooth with lemon zest, tangerine, cotton candy and lemony acidity.

Day 3

Soft, silky and a touch sweet with varietally expressive notes now of lime leaf, green pea, hatch chili, pine needle and fennel seed along with lemon and peach. Well-balanced.

Catherine Fallis, MS, and Grape Goddess Rating: 91 points!

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