

**Tamayo Family Vineyards****2006 Sauvignon Blanc  
(Napa Valley)**

Terroir-driven wines are the new green. Let nature take its course, and then handle the wine as minimally as possible. This is the philosophy of the Tamayo family, owners of a vineyard in Napa Valley and a winery and vineyards in Contra Costa County. Their Sauvignon Blanc is a classic example. All grass, peach, and zing, the wine shows no evidence of being staged to get a better price, as many homes are when they are put on the market. The family's recent releases in addition to this Sauvignon Blanc include a Santa Lucia Highlands Pinot Noir, Contra Costa Syrah, Oak Knoll Napa Valley Chardonnay, a Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, and a Late Disgorged Brut Sparkling Wine from the 1998 vintage.

Bright, straw yellow and lightly viscous, this wine has textbook vibrant aromas of grass, asparagus, tarragon, and fresh peppery basil. On the palate it is bold and at first herbaceous with notes of vine-ripened tomato and basil leaves. Then a back note of pear and white peach kicks in. The wine is round and soft with low acid until the sweet-tart finish.

Reviewed July 26, 2007 by [Catherine Fallis](#).

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**THE WINE**

**Winery:** [Tamayo Family Vineyards](#)

**Vintage:** 2006

**Wine:** Sauvignon Blanc

**Appellation:** [Napa Valley](#)

**Grapes:** Sauvignon Blanc (85%), Viognier (10%), Semillon (5%)

**Price:** \$16.50

**THE REVIEWER****Catherine Fallis**

Founder and President of Planet Grape LLC, a company committed to bringing the joy of wine, food, and good living into the lives of everyday people, Catherine is creator of the "grape goddess guides to good living," a series of books, television presentations, seminars, and e-learning programs. The fifth woman in the world to become a Master Sommelier, grape goddess Catherine Fallis is still very much down-to-earth.