

# FITZPATRICK WINERY

## SAUVIGNON BLANC



This 100% Sauvignon Blanc wine is made and bottled at one of the first California wineries to produce wines from certified organic grapes. Brian Fitzpatrick makes wines from his own grapes and from those of several neighbors who also grow organically. All of these grapes are certified organically grown by the California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF), of which Brian is an active member. The family also has extensive organic vegetable gardens which are used at Fitzpatrick Lodge, located at the winery in the Sierra Foothills.

The grapes for Eire Ban are grown by Sunny Oak Vineyards, at an 1800ft. altitude in the El Dorado County viticultural zone. This cool, dry and sunny climate guarantees a naturally high acidity at harvest, for a crisp, tart finish. The 1998 vintage is one of the driest yet and the first with partial oak aging. Eire Ban's powerful style and grassy, lemon tinged varietal flavors make it a very pleasant wine for seafood, creamed fish, vegetables and other light meals as well as a popular sipping wine. Brian's nickname for this wine translates to Irish White or Irish Woman!