

# Maker's Table

Food, Wine, and the Pleasures of the Table

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## Wines of the Week: Two Opulent Winter Whites



Blue outside, yellow inside. Such are winter evenings  
now as the velvet darkness settles down we light the

ving all day, and  
ndles' wicks.

White wine does belong on the winter table, especially substantial whites, ones that bloom upon the tongue, luxuriating even as they draw your heat slowly from you. Don't think of them as white; think of them as ye

**2013 Hourglass**  
14.2% abv  
Aromas of lilacs  
this opulence  
produced from  
back to prod

### **2013 Hourglass Estate Sauvignon Blanc Napa Valley**

14.2% abv | \$40 (sample)

Aromas of lilacs, jasmine, and green melon give way to a creamy-textured palate plush with kiwi, guava, and yellow peach. All of this opulence is balanced by cut crystal acidity and a mineral finish.

**2012 Grigio**  
13.5% abv  
Sun-shower  
biodynamic  
of spring—n  
deep toasty hazelnuts and savory herbs. Complicated, opulent, focused, and delicious.

This spritely, beautifully balanced Sauvignon Blanc was produced from a single estate vineyard block planted to two clones. The lots were picked and vinified separately, then blended back to produce a wine