

RIETVALLEI

WINE ESTATE

CLASSIC COLLECTION

Rietvallei Sauvignon Blanc 2020

VITICULTURE

The Sauvignon Blanc vines are planted on slopes facing southeast and are all trellised, under micro-irrigation, and were established from 1980 to 2008.

WINEMAKING

The grapes are harvested by machine at the coldest time of the day, namely from 02:00 - 10:00 in the morning. The Sauvignon Blanc grapes are picked at various stages of ripeness to capture the full spectrum of flavour profiles offered by this variety. The first part is picked 'green' at 18 °Balling (Brix), which enhances the grassy character of the wine and also brings a good natural acidity to the final blend. The second part, essential for the ripe fruity character, body and structure of the wine, is picked at optimum ripeness which varies from 21 to 23 °Balling. In the cellar, skin contact is given for six hours and only then the free-run juice is drained and allowed to cold-settle for three days. The clean juice is then racked and taken to the fermentation tanks, where different specially cultivated wine yeasts are inoculated and the fermentation temperature is controlled at 13 - 15 °Celsius. After fermentation, which takes about three weeks, the wine is left on the primary fermentation lees for at least three months before bottling.

WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

The nose reveals vibrant fruit with expressive passion fruit and grapefruit, freshly cut grass and a touch of capsicum. These flavours follow through on the palate with flinty and mineral notes and hints of ripe green figs. The acidity is well-balanced and allows for a zesty, crisp and decidedly dry finish.

FOOD PAIRING & SERVING SUGGESTION

Pair with any seafood, especially just harvested oysters spiked with lemon and chilli. Serve chilled (7 - 10°C).



WINE ANALYSIS

RESIDUAL SUGAR:	3.2 g/l	Alcohol:	12.80%	Acidity:	7.6 g/l
PH:	3.07	VA:	0.61 g/l	Total Extract:	24.1 g/l
TOTAL SO₂:	143 mg/l	Free SO₂:	51 mg/l		

PACKAGING DETAILS

BOTTLE VOLUME:	750ml	EAN 750ML BOTTLE BARCODE:	6009673830093
CASE SIZE:	6 x 750ml	EAN 6X750ML CASE BARCODE:	6009673830109
PALLET SIZE:	90 x 6 x 750ml	UPC 750ML BOTTLE BARCODE (USA ONLY):	89673300002-4
CASE WEIGHT:	7.67 kg	UPC 6X750ML CASE BARCODE (USA ONLY):	89673300003-1
CLOSURE:	Stelvin (Screw-cap)		