



BOUCHARD FINLAYSON
A BOUTIQUE VINEYARD

WALKER BAY SAUVIGNON BLANC 2018

Sauvignon Blanc is arguably our least known wine but surprises us by being our most successful label in terms of volume sales; and is certainly South Africa's best performing white wine. Our geographic location, lying within five kilometers of the cool Atlantic Ocean, offers the most ideal temperature zone of the Cape. Added to this, the heavy shale clay soil that typifies the Hemel-en-Aarde Valley lends an inviting tropical tone to the flavour profile of this vintage.

VINTAGE

Vintage 2018 commenced on the 8th February. Fruit quality proved to be excellent and cropping levels were encouraging, this in spite of drought conditions being the talk of the day. Fortunately our Hemel-en-Aarde region is blessed with a distinctive micro-climate which defied the predictors of poor expectations. The few rain showers received during the vintage was a positive experience and added to the calibre of the vintage.

VINIFICATION

Sauvignon Blanc enjoys a very direct approach when it comes to its cellar handling. 20% of the grapes harvested received 12 hours of skin contact. This portion exaggerates the flavour components and boosts the structure of the final wine. The balance receives immediate crushing and full extraction of fresh, free run juice off the press. Here in lies the floral and tropical tones which are so akin to our Sauvignon Blanc taste profile. Once fermentation is complete the wine was allowed to remain on its primary lees until close to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Early bottling has helped capture the fermentation esters and early aromatics which have become a hallmark of our Sauvignon Blanc. The nose is fragrant and the palate portrays rich tropical fruit tones of granadilla, guava and litchi. The wine is crisp, creamy, and lingering with an eventual harmonious palate finish.

FOOD PAIRING

Immediate thoughts of summer weather delights come to mind. White fish, sushi, green salads, calamari and prawns are appropriate.



VARIETAL

100% Sauvignon Blanc

WINE OF ORIGIN

Hemel-en-Aarde Valley,
Walker Bay

PRODUCTION

4700 x 12 bottle cases

ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 13%
Acid: 6.2 g/l
Residual Sugar: 2.2 g/l
pH: 3.33