



SAUVIGNON BLANC

WINE OF ORIGIN WALKER BAY

SOIL: Table Mountain Sandstone derived soil 52% Clay-rich shale derived soil 48%

ALCOHOL: 13.83%

ACID: 6.58 g/l

PH: 3.39

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 2.10 g/l

BARREL MATURATION: 4% in neutral barrels

YIELD: 4.1 tons/ha, 25.9 hl/ha

FRUIT ORIGIN: Hemel-en-Aarde Valley 1% Upper Hemel-en-Aarde Valley 32%

Other Walker Bay 67%

PRODUCTION: 9 083 cases of 12 bottles equivalent

Release date – November 2019

GROWING SEASON

Exceptional quality and record low yields characterise 2019, our 25th vintage of a single Pinotage and a single Sauvignon blanc. Sauvignon blanc yields were 52% down and Pinotage yields were 65% down. And the Sauvignon blanc ripened a little unevenly and unusually early. The Pinotage was particularly concentrated without being too dense or heavy. The Sauvignon blanc has a beautiful vinosity and saline minerality and true to Southern Right is not too fruit-driven.

Overall the vintage was a cooler than 2017 and even 2018, with an average maximum temperature for Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar of 24.5 Centigrade (versus an equivalent long term average for Burgundy of 24.8 Centigrade). Rainfall was lower than average for Spring and during harvest, but occurred in frequent small amounts causing sustained high humidity. Fortunately our organic treatments proved highly effective against the resulting downey and powdery mildew threat. And the day after harvest finished, the serious rains began - some luck at least! We had the highest March rainfall in 21 years. Record low production and some challenges, but the 2019's have a deep, concentrated, refined beauty.

WINE STYLE

Made reductively in order to maximize the fruit personality of the vintage, the 2019 shows more marked fruit aromatics than usual, while maintaining the typical Southern Right balance of Old World minerality and length with hints of New World palate coverage and body. 2019 is a wine that favours origin expressive individuality, minerality and palate complexity ahead of pure, pungent varietal aroma. A significant percentage of fruit from clay-rich soil has added an intense mid-palate structural component and addition overall complexity to this wine.

*All Southern Right wines are made, matured, bottled and labelled
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