

M·A·N Family Wines

Sauvignon Blanc 2016



Wine description & food pairing

Our Warrelwind Sauvignon Blanc is a palate pleasing wine: harmonious and well-balanced, showing typical green herbaceous flavours as well as richer tropical and grapefruit notes. Light straw in colour with a green tinge, it has a lively bouquet of tropical fruit. Our more coastal vineyards impart herbaceous, Granny Smith apple and capsicum notes. On the palate the wine shows bright tropical fruit flavours of passion fruit and pineapple complemented by crisp, well integrated acidity. The wine has a rich, full structure (from our sémillon) with a rounded and lenthly finish. With an abundance of flavours from both sides of the Sauvignon spectrum, this wine suits a wider audience, but will please any Sauvignon Blanc fan!

Vineyards

A blend of grapes from warmer Agter-Paarl vineyards for riper, tropical notes (50%), and cooler, higher-elevation vineyards in Stellenbosch, Elgin and Franschhoek for the greener, herbaceous characters (50%).

Winemaking techniques

Harvesting takes place over 3 weeks at different ripeness levels to capture a wider range of flavours. Reductive winemaking (minimal air/oxygen contact) preserves freshness and fruitiness, while 3 months maturation on the lees gives additional complexity and integration. 11% Semillon is added for palate weight and complexity. The wine was fined and filtered before bottling.

Vintage conditions

A dry winter in 2015 made for an interesting 2016 harvest. El Niño arrived in the Cape in October 2015 and the following 6 months were virtually without any rain. In our already dry-farmed, arid region the conditions were even harsher. Luckily our bush vine vineyards could utilise deep roots to dig for water. Yields were low, berries were small and ripening was quick. Overall the white grapes were in good condition, disease-free due to the dry and windy conditions and ripened sooner than previous vintages. Alcohols are slightly lower, but fruit and aroma remains intact.

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Our Sauvignon Blanc is produced from higher, cooler vineyards in the Cape. Warrelwind (whirlwinds) are common in the vineyards throughout summer. The seasonal winds cool the grapes and turn the windmills dotting the landscape.

Technical details:

Blend: Sauvignon Blanc 89%, Semillon 11%, • **Grape source:** A mix of Western Cape vineyards (Agter-Paarl 70%, Stellenbosch 8%, Franschhoek 14%, Elgin 8%) • **Closure:** Screwcap
Barcode: EAN 6009669350437 • **USA** 0-89419-16403-9 • **Alc:** 13.00% • **RS:** 6.3 • **TA:** 5.7 • **pH:** 3.3