

Sauvignon Blanc

2021



92 POINTS

James Suckling | jamesuckling.com

October 2022 *Guavas, gooseberries, kiwi fruit and boxwood aromas. Sea shells, too. Medium to full body, with an oily texture. Excellent density and persistency with a distinct herbal undertone.*

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Cameron Douglas | camdouglasms.com

August 2023 *A pungent and fruity bouquet with scents of cape gooseberry and apple, tropical flowers with fresh green herb statements. There's some mineral and nettles then a layer of exotic fruits, lemon skin and white spice. On the palate a crisp, dry and vibrant texture with acidity carrying flavours of citrus and herbs, some tropical fruit moments and phenolic textures. Well made, ideal for aperitif pour and with fresh oysters or mussels. Best drinking from late 2024 through 2029.*

18.5+/20

Candice Chow | Raymond Chan Wine Reviews

August 2023 *Bright, even, pale yellow. The nose is vibrant and lifted with citrus, green apple, apple blossom, melon, tomato vine and a hint of smoke flint aromas. Full-bodied, grapefruit, apple and apple blossom aromas melded with tomato vine, gunflint and melon. The mouthfeel is silky and oily in texture, entwined with integrated vibrant yet soft acidity, unfolding herbaceous nuances and delicate spice, and a sustained finish. This Sauvignon Blanc has a seriousness, structure and fine texture*

4.5 Stars

Michael Cooper | michaelcooperwines.com

October 2023 *Still very youthful, the lively 2021 vintage is based mostly on tank-fermented Sauvignon Blanc, blended with a small amount (about 10 per cent) of barrel-aged Sémillon. Matured on its yeast lees for 10 months, it is pale and mouthfilling, in a clearly varietal style with very good intensity of ripe, tropical fruit flavours, showing considerable complexity, crisp acidity and a dry finish.*

Excellent

Mark Henderson | Otago Daily Times NZ

October 2023 *Bold & pungent nose leaps out of the glass. Gunflint, wild herbs, grilled red pepper, smoke, a toasty quality, honey and pea-pod with time. Coiled power to the palate, green bean, pea-pod and gooseberry bound together by crisp & vibrant acidity. Chewiness and almost tannic grip underpinning things before the long, fresh close. Complexity, draws you in.*

Steve Leszczynski | Qwine

September 2022 *Classy and considered, this is a superb Sauvignon Blanc. Yet to be released in Australia and New Zealand, what a treat it is to have a sneak peek at wines like these.... Portions of whole berries were barrel fermented and they sat on skins for 100 days delivering a terrific textural presence. Passionfruit, guava and lemons stir up the excitement levels. You get a sense this is bounding along on its toes. A fine ribbon of minerality sways through the core of the wine with an ever so faint and delicate creaminess. Cut green herbs plus some pineapple sage and one more dose of lemon juice have the parting words as that fine textural detail lingers. This is how you make Sauvignon Blanc people - bravo!*

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Erin Larkin | robertparker.com

December 2023 *The 2021 Sauvignon Blanc has an inclusion of Semillon, and the fruit is picked a little later than the Main Divide Sauvignon Blanc. This is rich and complex on the nose, with white pineapple, a hint of jalapeño, sweet pea, kiwi fruit, white pepper, tatami mat and orange peel. It is mineral and graphite and good. A portion of this wine was left on skins for a significant period of time. I tasted some of these portions from barrel while I was at the winery, and they are thrilling ... a shame to mix it in with clean stainless, perhaps! Some solids are in the wild ferment, and it's left on lees in older oak. It's "a little bit funky."*

95 Points

Bob Campbell MW | The Real Review

July 2023 *Pale, green-tinged sauvignon with a mix of tropical fruit, citrus and savoury oyster shell flavours. The wine opened up as it sat in the glass and deserves to be aerated to get the best out of it. It's a complex and sophisticated wine that's in a class of its own.*

95 Points

Sam Kim | wineorbit.co.nz

December 2023 *Enticing and engaging, the beautifully lifted bouquet shows grilled stone fruit, grapefruit, golden apple, dried herb and savoury pastry aromas, leading to a wonderfully weighted palate displaying richly textured mouthfeel backed by beautifully pitched acidity. Wonderfully flavoursome and complex. The wine was whole bunch fermented.*

