

# Cape Crest Sauvignon Blanc

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## 94 POINTS

**Gary Walsh | winefront.com.au**

October 2022 *Pineapple, fresh strawberry with green bits, guava, cinnamon oak, a touch of match stick. Saline, crunchy, fresh pineapple, creamy, some vanilla and spiced oak, clean and fleshy, nashi pear, pink grapefruit, oregano and thyme (quite a few things, really), fine chalk dust texture, a gentle grassiness and youthful oak bobs up on a long finish. These wines age very well, so while good now, no hurry if you like them with some extra complexity. Good now.*

## 5 STARS & 96 POINTS

**Huon Hooke | The Real Review**

January 2023 *Light yellow hue leads into a powerful bouquet of nutty, spicy barrel-fermented aromas well meshed with ripe sauvignon fruit aromas, the palate likewise intense and long, with great volume and concentration as well as wonderful focus. A top barrel fermented style of savvy.*

## SUPER CLASSIC & 5 STARS

**Michael Cooper | Michael Cooper's Buyer's Guide**

February 2023 *This oak-aged Hawke's Bay label is impressive for its ripely herbal, complex, sustained flavours. Most of the grapes are hand-picked in the company's relatively warm Bullnose Vineyard, inland from Hastings (the rest is grown at Woodthorpe, in the Dartmoor Valley), and the blend includes small proportions of Sémillon (to add longevity) and Sauvignon Gris (which contributes weight and mouthfeel). The wine is fully fermented and lees-aged for eight to eleven months in French oak barriques (partly new). Bright, light lemon/green, the 2021 vintage (5\*) is a richly fragrant, mouthfilling wine, with concentrated, ripe, tropical fruit flavours, finely integrated oak adding complexity, and a very harmonious, long finish. A distinctive, delicious wine, drinking well now, it should be at its best 2024+.*

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**Sam Kim | wineorbit.co.nz**

February 2023 *Combining stunning fruit purity with elegant complexity, the wine shows crunchy apple, fig, kaffir lime and white floral aromas with a hint of savoury pastry. The palate displays excellent focus and drive, wonderfully complemented by fine texture and perfectly pitched acidity, finishing superbly long and vibrant. At its best: now to 2035.*

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**Erin Larkin | Robert Parker Wine Advocate**

September 2023 *The 2021 Cape Crest Sauvignon Blanc is a melange of hand-picked estate fruit: Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon and Sauvignon Gris. The wine has aromas of French pear, spring flowers and green apple skins, chalky, talcy and floral, and there freshness and texture. The oak is essentially invisible but lends a texturing hand to the phenolics. Low pH here gives the tension and energy. Sauvignon Gris is a seasoning, offering a strawberry/tropical note, bison grass, straw and smoked cassis. The clay gives a punchy nettle-y, gooseberry, lantana note. The Semillon is restrained. Tension and energy.*