

SAUVIGNON BLANC

Sauvignon Blanc 2008

This wine has a tropical fruit and celery bouquet, nice mid weight palate, and a finish reminiscent of melons and limes with a lingering finely structured acidity.

As usual this fruit came from the Te Mata Woodthorpe vineyard. The 2005, 2006 and 2007 received several 5* reviews. 2006 also listed on business class Qantas.

I recently completed a tasting tour with our distributor Eurowine, and this wine sparked a lot of interest and good comments.

Sauvignon Blanc 2006

Pale green gold colour with aromatics that are vibrant and fresh tropical fruits with a touch of green capsicum and celery. The wine has lovely texture and palate weight with seamless balance. The flavours are of ripe melons and a touch of gooseberry. The finish is a fine lingering delicate acidity with a touch of minerality and great length..

This is possibly the finest Sauvignon Blanc we have made.

As per previous, the fruit was sourced from the Te Mata Woodthorpe vineyard..

KS. A stunner, flush with ripe, pure melon fruit, succulent and bone dry, it is the perfect expression of sophisticated Hawkes Bay savvy. 8/10

Sauvignon Blanc 2005

The fruit for this wine was purchased from the immaculate Te Mata Est Woodthorpe vineyard in the Tukituki valley. The fruit was hand picked in pristine condition and tank fermented. Beautiful aromas of passionfruit, and celery are followed by a weighty palate of gooseberry, and tropical fruits finishing with a long fine natural acidity.

"Pale and ravishing, with a waft of violet aromas and a pure, fresh, melon infused palate that is as deep as it is delicately balanced, with a wonderful melon clarity and a long, succulent, dry finish. Stunning stuff, that could change a lot of attitudes about Hawkes Bay sauvignon Blanc". Review by Keith Stewart – Oct 05

Sauvignon Blanc 2003

Pale gold, green edged colour with all the aromas of fresh celery and limes. Nicely weighted palate of ripe gooseberries and melon followed with a well balanced fine acid structure and a lingering clean finish. Cropped at 1 t/a.

Sauvignon Blanc 2001

Beautiful fresh aromatics of celery and tropical fruit followed by a zingy long palate with a crisp lingering finish. Sadly, this is our final Sauvignon Blanc, as the vines had to make way for other plantings in our limited vineyard space.

Sauvignon Blanc 2000

Intense tropical aromas and flavours, with a long, soft, lingering palate, finished with a fine grained acidity. As with previous vintages, this wine is a blend of two vineyard sources of fruit. Both vineyards have vine age approaching 20 years.

Sauvignon Blanc 1999

Intense flavours very much in the tropical fruit range, with a depth and length of palate not always seen in Sauvignon Blanc. Again the style is a continuation of the previous few vintages as a result of the blending of two vineyard parcels of fruit. Both vineyards have vine age approaching 20 years, which provides further complexity.

Sauvignon Blanc 1998

The prognosis was for a hot dry summer - they weren't wrong, so flavours were everything for this wine and it was, unusually, the first fruit we harvested. Normally Sauvignon Blanc is the last of our white harvest. Sugar levels were deemed to be less important than retaining intense varietal

flavour. We also managed to secure some fruit from another local vineyard whose sauvignon flavours I admire. We used this same blend for our 1996 Sauvignon Blanc, for those who remember this wine. The '98 has come out very similarly with a soft, full, rounded palate and a very tropical, floral bouquet.