

RIDGEBACK

LION HOUND SAUVIGNON BLANC 2021

VITICULTURE:

The vineyards used to produce our lively tropical Sauvignon Blanc are planted in an East-West direction to avoid direct sun exposure to the bunches and to protect the delicate tropical flavours. The vines grow in deep Oakleaf soils irrigated according to soil moisture availability and leaf water potential.

HARVEST:

The grapes were hand harvested at varying degrees of ripeness from 1 – 5 February 2021 to maximise complexity and overall flavour range.

- Analysis:

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| Sugar | : 18.5° Balling | 20.5° Balling | 21.5° Balling |
| Acid | : 10.2g/l | 7.35g/l | 6.1g/l |
| pH | : 2.95 | 3.05 | 3.35 |

WINEMAKING:

- The grapes were harvested at night and destemmed only to press under reductive conditions.
- The juice was settled with pectolytic enzyme for 48 hours at 9°Celsius before being racked and inoculated with selected commercial yeast cultures.
- Fermentation was managed at 14-16° Celsius and lasted for 21 days.
- A short 45-day period of lees contact enhanced midpalate while still retaining the crisp Sauvignon Blanc character.
- Great care was taken to retain the delicate tropical flavours by careful reductive juice and wine management from grape to bottle.

TASTING NOTES:

A fresh, tropical array of lime, pineapple and green guava evolves to notes of gooseberry and passion fruit on the palate and flinty minerality elegantly lingering on the aftertaste.

FOOD PAIRING:

The Sauvignon Blanc is ideal with lighter dishes, summer salads or vegetable platters and would equally complement steamed or grilled, lightly seasoned white fleshed fish.

BOTTLE ANALYSIS:

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| Alcohol | :12% | Bottled | :14 April 2021 |
| Residual Sugar | :3.6g/l | Release | : Sept 2021 |
| pH | :3.5 | Bottles | : 9454 |
| Total acid | :6.1g/l | Origin | : Paarl |
| Extract | :24.5g/l | Cellaring | : None |
| Total SO2 | :100mg/l | WIETA | : Yes |
| | | IPW | : Yes |