



LENSWOOD CORALINGA SAUVIGNON BLANC 2004

Grape Variety

100% sauvignon blanc grown on the Coulter vineyard at Lenswood in the Adelaide Hills.

Wine Description

Pale green gold in colour. Sweet floral aromas with passionfruit and gooseberry hints of fresh rose petals and tropical fruits. The palate is delicate and crisp with persistent flavours and good length.

Cellaring Potential

Very good vintage, drink 2004 to 2006.

Serving Idea

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Technical Data

Harvest date: 2-20 April

Alcohol: 12.7%

pH 3.11

Acid: 7.4 g/l

Stelvin cap: Bottled under a Stelvin screw cap to capture the freshness and keeping qualities of sauvignon blanc and to protect its purity from cork-influenced off characters.

Background

The sauvignon blanc pays tribute to the nearby historic Lenswood Coralinga homestead and apple orchards destroyed by bushfires in the early 1900s. Lenswood lies in the Adelaide Hills, the heart of the South Mount Lofty Ranges. At 550 metres Lenswood has higher rainfall and humidity at the right time of the year, cooler temperatures to retain high natural acidity and still enough sunshine to fully ripen the grapes. The exotic aromatic qualities of the sauvignon blanc reflect the suitability of this variety to the cool climate of the Adelaide Hills.

Vintage Description

The average winter rainfall this season was a welcome relief after 2003's fourth-worst drought in history. A relatively frost-free, wet warm and thundery spring followed, creating a natural 'greenhouse' effect. The vines grew vigorously, flowered and in general set a large crop. December was the hottest for 10 years, however at the start of 2004 the weather became mild and windy and the vines thrived under virtually no heat stress. At the start of February searing heat caused sunburn and significant crop losses. New records were broken with South Australia experiencing its hottest day ever. Fortunately March returned the region to glorious sunny days and cold dewy nights, with a couple of minor rain events, allowing the fruit to ripen under near perfect conditions. The vintage was almost as late as 2002 with good yields and excellent fruit quality.