

SAUVIGNON BLANC 2008



Bernhard's wines show a fine marriage between the old and new world style.

He combines a mostly traditional, hands-on approach with the huge fruit-character and lovely soft tannins found in the Durbanville grapes.

At a time when everyone is adding massive wood to create showy, bold wines, we can rely on our fruit for size and develop the complexity around it.

This means our wines can be elegant without being insipid, bold without being aggressive, high quality without being over-wooded.

TASTING NOTES

a fresh and racy complex blend of zest and fruit, - litchis, kiwi, pomegranite, light fig and passion fruit highlight the fresh apple and pear flavours - the end lingers with an herbaceous character of mushy peas and freshly cut hay

WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

Like last year, we were challenged by rain during harvest. Repeated cycles of downpours and drying out gave us a wider than usual range of ripeness in our grapes and maybe even taught us that our pyrazine flavours last longer than we thought in the grapes. Coming from higher ballings, we have a vintage with fuller mouth feel and an impression of fruit sweetness - rather tropical - without sacrificing the pyrazine aspects (expect these capsicum and asparagus components to become more of a feature as the wine develops). Another lovely year proving to be very popular with our customers. we spent a lot of time in the cellar and the vineyards to mitigate against the rot that occurred because of the very damp weather. This year for the first time in a while there is no Semillon in the blend

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

YIELD: av. 6-8 t/ha

WOOD: none

ALCOHOL: 13,5%

SUGAR: 3,6 g/l

ACID: 6,7 g/l

PH: 3.3

PEDIGREE

1995 VERITAS DOUBLE GOLD MEDAL; 1996 VERITAS SILVER MEDAL; 1997 MICHELANGELO INTERNATIONAL - SILVER MEDAL, VERITAS SILVER MEDAL; SAA LONG-HAUL LISTING; 1998 VERITAS SILVER MEDAL; 1999 VERITAS GOLD MEDAL, BARTHO EKSTEEN INTERNATIONAL SHOOTOUT 6TH, WINE MAGAZINE - TOP 7 WINES; 2000 SAA 1ST CLASS LISTING, VERITAS SILVER MEDAL; 2001 SAA LISTING; INTERNATIONAL WINE CHALLENGE - BRONZE, BEST IN WINE MAG. CULTIVAR TASTING (ONLY 4 STAR WINE), WINNING WINE BARTHO EKSTEEN INTERNATIONAL; 2002 VERITAS DOUBLE GOLD, CLUB 500 CULTIVAR WINNER, INTERNATIONAL WINE CHALLENGE - SILVER; 2003 SAA 1ST CLASS LISTING, FAIRBAIRN SILVER, VERITAS GOLD; 2004 BARTHO EKSTEEN - JOINT 3RD, VERITAS SILVER('4) (GOLD '5), PLATTER 4½ STARS; 2005 MICHELANGELO GOLD; 2007 MICHELANGELO SILVER, TOP 10 WINE BARTHO EKSTEEN INTERNATIONAL SAUVIGNON BLANC CELEBRATION, WINE MAGAZINE TOP 10, VERITAS GOLD; 2008 MICHELANGELO SILVER