

M·A·N Family Wines

Sauvignon Blanc 2017



Wine description & food pairing

Our Warrelwind Sauvignon Blanc is a palate pleasing wine: harmonious and well-balanced, showing typical herbaceous flavours as well as richer tropical notes. Pale straw in colour with a light green tinge, it has a lively bouquet of tropical fruit. On the palate the wine shows bright tropical fruit flavours of passion fruit and pineapple (our Paarl fruit) complemented by crisp, well integrated acidity. The wine has a rich, full structure (from our Sémillon) with a rounded and creamy mouthfeel. Our Warrelwind Sauvignon Blanc, with an abundance of flavours from both sides of the Sauvignon spectrum, suits a wider audience, but will please any Sauvignon Blanc fan!

Vineyards

A blend of grapes from warmer Agter-Paarl vineyards for riper, tropical notes (70%), and cooler, higher-elevation vineyards in Stellenbosch, Elgin and Franschhoek for the greener, herbaceous characters (30%).

Winemaking techniques

Harvesting takes place over 3 weeks at different ripeness levels to capture a wider range of flavours. Reductive winemaking (minimal air/oxygen contact) preserves freshness and fruitiness, while 3 months maturation on the lees gives additional complexity and integration. 10% Semillon is added for palate weight and complexity. The wine was fined and filtered before bottling.

Vintage conditions

This year was once again a very dry and short season with hardly any rainfall. Thanks to the early season, highly favoured unusually cool evenings were much appreciated and resulted in a healthy crop with minimal threat of diseases. The lower temperatures enable soils to retain moisture resulting in exceptional flavour preservation on the whites and concentrated colour on the reds. Due to the persisting drought, the crop was smaller than the long term average but on par with 2016. This year's Sauvignon Blanc maintained good acidity which makes for a refreshing easy-drinking wine.

Warrelwind Sauvignon Blanc

Our Sauvignon Blanc is produced from higher, cooler vineyards in the Cape. Warrelwind (whirlwinds) are common in the vineyards throughout summer. The seasonal winds cool the grapes and turn the windmills dotting the landscape.

Technical details:

Blend: Sauvignon Blanc 90%, Semillon 10% • **Grape source:** A mix of Western Cape vineyards (Agter-Paarl 70%, Stellenbosch 8%, Franschhoek 14%, Elgin 8%) • **Closure:** Screwcap
• **Alc:** 13.50% • **RS:** 5.9 • **TA:** 6.5 • **pH:** 3.39