



NEPENTHE



The Altitude Range are inviting, elegant wines crafted to reflect the beauty and unique varietal nuances of their home; the Adelaide Hills

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2011 Sauvignon Blanc Adelaide Hills

Variety

Sauvignon Blanc has found a natural home in the high altitude and cool climate of the Adelaide Hills. Nepenthe has been producing Sauvignon Blanc since its inaugural vintage in 1997, throughout the ensuing years and vintages the Nepenthe Sauvignon Blanc has gained recognition as a benchmark within the industry.

Vintage

Vintage 2011 will be remembered for challenging growing conditions yet ideal ripening conditions for cool climate grapes. Budburst was early in 2010, as early as August in some vineyards. Rainfall tracked above average in both winter and spring for the first time in years which led to excellent canopy growth and bunch development. The ripening period was then dry, with mild temperatures and importantly cool nights. These ideal conditions resulted in early flavour development which allowed us to harvest the fruit at optimal ripeness with excellent natural acid. It also allowed for the development of powerful varietal flavours across all varieties.

Murray Leake - *Viticulturist*

Winemaking

Nepenthe Sauvignon Blanc is sourced from a range of selected vineyards in the Adelaide Hills. The fruit is harvested in the early hours of the morning, taking advantage of the cool night air. Fruit is then crushed and chilled into a pneumatic press, where the free run juice and pressings are separated. The juice is cold settled for 3 - 4 days, racked off solids and then fermented in stainless steel tanks with a small proportion fermented in French oak barrels. Post fermentation individual batches are blended to style.

Alex Trescowthick - *Winemaker*

The Wine

Region: Adelaide Hills

Variety: Sauvignon Blanc

Colour: Pale straw with a green tinge.

Bouquet: Fresh, grassy herbaceousness with vibrant gooseberry flavours.

Palate: Lively citrus and tropical fruits with a refreshing crisp acidity.

Alcohol: 12.5%

Cellaring: Drink now!

Serving suggestion: Perfect with seafood such as oysters, lobster, salt and pepper squid and white fleshed fish. Also try with Sushi, fresh goat's cheese, chicken salad or tomato based dishes.

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