

Monterosso Sauvignon Blanc 2004

89 points - Wine Advocate in 2005

The wine has a green tint on the edge and a pale straw centre with loads of fruit and a honeyed overtone. The palate is clean and crisp yet easily accessible, full in the mouth with soft acidity.

Tasting notes written by Dave Hughes

variety : Sauvignon Blanc | 100% Sauvignon Blanc

winery : Monterosso Wine Estate

winemaker : Orneglio De Franchi

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 13.5 % vol rs : 3.4 g/l pH : 3.48 ta : 6.33 g/l

type : White

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

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"Exuberant aromas of spicy melon balls explode from the glass of the 2004 Sauvignon Blanc. This SUPERB VALUE is medium bodied, supple, satin textured and crammed with fruit. Yellow plums, melons and hints of gooseberries as well as ripe apples are found in its broad exotic personality. It should be enjoyed over the next 2 years."

ageing : Drink well chilled and will age for 1 - 2 years.

in the vineyard : The Sauvignon Blanc block is planted on the Estate at the highest and coolest point of the Devon Valley hill and on the middle slope of the Koelenhof Ridge. The trellised vines are planted in deep rich Hutton and Clovelly soils which, when combined with the cooler south-east winds off the Atlantic Ocean, creates a wonderful terroir for our Sauvignon Blanc.

Slope type: East and South facing

Soil type: Hutton and Clovelly

Rootstock: Richter 99

Age of vineyards: 15 and 10

Irrigation: Drip irrigation

Planting Density (vines/ha): 3000

Trellising style: Cordon with 4 wire hedge

Pruning style (spurs/vine): 6 - 8

Yield (tons/ha): 8

about the harvest: The grapes are selected from two different blocks at two different sugar levels, resulting in an elegant balance of fruits. The grapes are all hand picked before 09h00 thus ensuring only the coolest and best grapes are chosen, so that our small selected volume is achieved.

in the cellar : The grapes are again hand sorted before the crush, destalked directly into a bag press where the juice is gently removed. Fermentation takes place with selected yeast and controlled carefully throughout until bottled.

