

Bouchard Finlayson Walker Bay Sauvignon Blanc 2005

Clean gooseberry aromas with a touch of smoke and mineral character. Acidity in harmony with good strong mouth feel; fresh and enticing. More tropical than grassy and more delicate than overpowering; pure fruit tones and good balance in keeping with the winemaker's preference for riper Sauvignon Blanc flavours. Quintessentially the chosen wine for warm, summer culinary inspiration. All fruit from domain vineyards.

More body than in previous vintages and its palate cleansing freshness lends itself to a range of fish and seafood dishes.

variety : Sauvignon Blanc | 100% Sauvignon Blanc

winery : Bouchard Finlayson Boutique Vineyard

winemaker : Peter Finlayson

wine of origin : Walker Bay

analysis : alc : 13.32 % vol rs : 1.2 g/l pH : 3.25 ta : 6.6 g/l

type : White **style :** Dry **body :** Medium

pack : Bottle

in the vineyard : Is it popular belief, urban legend or marketing expedience, that brands Sauvignon Blanc as a wine that does not require aging? My memory jogs me to believe that Sauvignon Blancs from France's famous Loire Valley fall into two categories: Those that are early drinking, and then those from the clay soils that evolve and blossom after some months of bottle age. The clay soils in the Hemel-en-Aarde Valley tend to support this latter style of Sauvignon Blanc and I believe that vintage 2005 has produced a wine that is still to emerge. The boldness on the palate of this wine attests to bigger things to come.

about the harvest: Perhaps the 2005 vintage was most remarkable for the natural balance presented in the grapes. Firm grape acidities meant that harvest dates waited, and picking was momentarily delayed while grapes reached adequate maturity. For most Cape growers this vintage will be remembered as particularly dry, but not entirely the case in this part of the world, as timeous rains managed to retain excellent fruit quality and support an impressive vintage.

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