

Bouchard Finlayson Walker Bay Sauvignon Blanc 2008

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Full and firm on the palate with a strong fruit melange, dominant in guava, pear, blueberry and citrus.

variety : Sauvignon Blanc | 100% Sauvignon Blanc

winery : Bouchard Finlayson Boutique Vineyard

winemaker : Peter Finlayson

wine of origin : Walker Bay

analysis : alc : 13 % vol rs : 2.4 g/l pH : 3.43 ta : 6.1 g/l

type : White **style :** Dry **body :** Full

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

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ageing : A long and confirmed finish with every hint of spice make this wine ideal for early drinking.

I clearly remember my first tasting experience of Sauvignon Blanc, a Californian wine presented by a visiting American grower at the wine college in Geisenheim on the Rhine River in Germany. This was one overriding flavour being "guava" which stood out in a triumphant and commanding way. Later at the fledging Boschendal winery I managed to secure a trial batch of grapes from an old vineyard in the Paardeberg. This was thirty years ago which reflects on how Sauvignon Blanc has rapidly expanded to its present strength of being the most popular wine in the local market.

in the vineyard : Vintage 2008 threatened to be a serious poker game! This as a result of repetitive summer rains. The question was what pack of cards would finally land on our laps? The season's weather was taunting and as the harvest drew nearer no consolation was in sight! Finally when February did arrive we managed to take advantage of the better than expected fruit. In fact the end result was massively encouraging.



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