

Graham Beck Pheasants Run 2008

2008 Wine Magazine Tops at Spar Top 10 Sauvignon Blanc

2008 Veritas Awards - Gold Medal

National Young Wine Show 2008 - John McDonald Trophy for the Best Sauvignon Blanc

A true expression of this varietal showing intense tropical fruit and ripe fig flavours with asparagus and tinned peas. Great complexity, fruit intensity and elegance with a crispy freshness. A true reflection of great Sauvignon Blanc terroir and of the exceptional quality of the 2008 vintage.

"Explosive gooseberry fruit heralds the arrival of this nerve-jangling Sauvignon. It electrocutes your palate then soothes it with plunge-pool accuracy." - *Matthew Jukes' Top 50 from Cape Wine 2008*

Serve with Parma (or Seranno) ham and fresh figs, chargrilled chicken over an open fire, pasta with an asparagus pesto.

variety : Sauvignon Blanc | 100% Sauvignon Blanc

winery : House of Graham Beck

winemaker : Pieter Ferreira

wine of origin : Franschhoek

analysis : alc : 14.07 % vol rs : 2.37 g/l pH : 3.44 ta : 7.10 g/l

type : White style : Off Dry body : Full taste : Fruity

pack : Bottle closure : Cork

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in the vineyard : The grapes are a special selection from our coastal vineyards that showed exceptional quality in the 2008 vintage. Dry land vineyards with well weathered deep red soil and good water retention.

The name is that of the farm in Durbanville, *Fisantekraal*; meaning the gathering of pheasants.

about the harvest: Handpicked early morning of the first week of February, packed with dry ice and transported to the Franschhoek Cellar to be crushed.

in the cellar : The grapes were crushed with 18 hours skin contact. Settling took place over a 2 day period and fermentation at 10-14°C for 25 days. Lees contact for 6 months with the lees been stirred up once a week prior to bottling.



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