

Bouchard Finlayson Walker Bay Sauvignon Blanc 2007

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More tropical than grassy and more delicate than overpowering; pure fruit tones and excellent balance! Immediate varietal symphony and minerally rich on the palate.

Essentially the chosen wine for warm summer culinary inspiration. Crisp, clear green apple and fig flavours lend itself to a range of fish or seafood dishes.

variety : Sauvignon Blanc | 100% Sauvignon Blanc

winery : Bouchard Finlayson Boutique Vineyard

winemaker : Peter Finlayson

wine of origin : Walker Bay

analysis : alc : 13.12 % vol rs : 2.09 g/l pH : 3.30 ta : 6.04 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 fledgling 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 : 2007 was generous - a heat wave at the end of January threatened to impinge on quality, but the unique aspect of our close plantings and ever protective shade cover was enormously successful in defending fruit quality. All fruit from domain vineyards.

in the cellar : Sauvignon Blanc is South Africa's ever popular white wine. Produced in many styles ranging from strong nettle green to tropical exotic fruit. It is also the single largest selling label from the Bouchard Finlayson stable. Our style is relaxed tropically fragrant. Not abrasive and showing only moderate acidity. Traditionally more French than New World.



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