

Boschendal 1685 Sauvignon Blanc 2011

A straw-coloured wine with distinct herbaceous aromas layered with tropical fruit and hints of lime and green fig. These attractive flavours carry through to a full harmonious palate right through to the mineral zesty finish.

The ideal partner for smoked fish, seafood and creamy poultry or veal dishes.

variety : Sauvignon Blanc | 92% Sauvignon Blanc, 8% Semillon

winery : Boschendal Estate

winemaker : Lizelle Gerber

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 13.5 % vol rs : 3.9 g/l pH : 3.35 ta : 6.7 g/l

type : White **style** : Dry **taste** : Herbaceous

pack : Bottle **closure** : Cork

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ageing : Ready to drink now.

in the vineyard :

A blend dominated by 92% Sauvignon Blanc with 8% Semillon. Grapes are from vineyards planted on decomposed granite, stony clay soils and rich alluvial soils, at altitudes ranging from 150 - 400m above sea level.

Vineyard Management

Meticulous spur-pruning and the removal of excess shoots left only the two to three best-developed shoots per spur. Two weeks before harvest, leaves were removed between bunches within the canopy, taking care that no grapes were exposed to direct sun in the process. This resulted in better aeration in the bunch zone and ensured flavour retention in the berries. The growth period was initially warm, followed by cooler weather.

about the harvest: All the grapes were hand-picked in the cool early morning, ensuring crisp fruit expression in the wine.

in the cellar : Vinification is reductive, which means all air is excluded from the grape processing operations. This is done to protect the delicate Sauvignon Blanc flavours. The Sauvignon Blanc was fermented at 16 degrees Celsius. After fermentation the wine is left on its primary lees with regular stirring weekly for the first month. This ensures lovely roundness on the middle palate. A small portion of Semillon is then added for additional richness in the final blend.

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