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Steenberg Sauvignon Blanc Reserve 2010

Intense minerality, with hints of lime on the nose. Herbaceous notes with white asparagus and nettles. Lovely freshness on the palate with a beautiful creamy texture, that leaves the wine full and long. This wine is a true expression of Steenberg terroir, and gives real meaning to sense of place.



variety : Sauvignon Blanc | 100% Sauvignon Blanc
winery : Steenberg Vineyards
winemaker : JD Pretorius
wine of origin : Constantia
analysis : **alc :** 14.0 % vol **rs :** 2.2 g/l **pH :** 3.4 **ta :** 6.6 g/l
type : White **style :** Dry **taste :** Fruity
pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

ageing : Ready to drink now but will greatly reward a further 3-5 years cellaring.

in the vineyard : Soil type: Clovelly
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Age of vines: 22 years
Pruning: Spur - 2 bud
Yield: 2 ton/ha
Rootstock: Richter 110
Clone: Weerstasie/159

This wine comes from a single vineyard block on the estate, witch consistently produces the highest quality Sauvignon Blanc. A pre-harvest was done to remove all the grapes not up to standard, after which all grapes were hand harvested in the cool of the morning. Grapes received skin contact for 24 hours and only the free run juice was used. Juice settled over night and racked off clean before a long cold ferment. The wine stayed on the lees for a further 3 months, before bottling in July. There after the wine spent 7 months in the bottle before release to gain richness and complexity. Only 900 cases produced.

in the cellar : The winemaking process was reductive with the use of ascorbic acid, sulphur and dry ice protecting the aromas and flavours of the grape at crushing and pressing. Skin maceration occurred after crushing for approximately 6 hours at 10°C. The juice settled overnight after which it was racked off clean, inoculated with yeast and allowed to ferment for up to 21 days at 13°C. Post fermentation the wine lay on fine lees until stabilizing and bottling took place. A combination of terroir, clone and older vines creates this serious, full bodied and distinctly expressive Sauvignon Blanc.

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