

Ataraxia Sauvignon Blanc 2010

This wine favours individuality and minerality ahead of pure, pungent fruit, but still shows ripe passion fruit and citrus as well as melon and pink grapefruit aromas. These are effortlessly reflected on the palate and are complemented by a lively acidity which underpins a classy structure and succulent texture. A wine of substantial poise, length and charm.

variety : Sauvignon Blanc | 100% Sauvignon Blanc

winery : Ataraxia

winemaker : Kevin Grant

wine of origin :

analysis : alc : 14 % vol rs : 1.1 g/l pH : 3.23 ta : 6.6 g/l

type : White **style :** Dry

pack : Bottle **size :** 0 **closure :** Cork

Platter's South African Wine Guide 2010: 4 1/2 Stars

in the vineyard : Each year, the beginning of the picking season is eagerly anticipated, not only because it is the culmination of a season's toil, but because at this critical time a lot of good can be undone by a climatic sleight of hand. This was the case in the 2010 vintage with a combination of unusually high temperatures, unseasonal rain showers and desiccating, dry winds. It quickly turned into a thinking winemaker's harvest! Despite the rapid ripening of the Sauvignon Blanc the fruit was able to accumulate exquisite if not slightly riper, fruit flavours. The result is a wine that expresses itself in an intriguing mélange of aromas and flavours.

about the harvest: Hand picked and rushed to the cellar on the 10th March, all our fruit was safely in by mid-morning, guaranteeing that the exciting fruit flavours of the grape were preserved and reflected in this wine.

in the cellar : Painstaking fruit selection and skilled winemaking using reductive cellar techniques has resulted in our Sauvignon Blanc seamlessly incorporating the very best that the Old and New World styles have to offer.

