

Nederburg Winemasters Reserve Sauvignon Blanc 2011

Colour: Brilliant with greenish tinges.

Bouquet: Melon and herbaceous nuances with fresh gooseberries and a hint of green figs.

Palate: Distinctive gooseberry and herbaceous flavours support a balanced palate with a pleasant lingering finish.

Excellent served with seafood, salads, chicken, veal and light meals.

variety : Sauvignon Blanc | 100% Sauvignon Blanc

winery : Nederburg Wines

winemaker : Tariro Masayiti

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : alc : 13.60 % vol rs : 2.70 g/l pH : 3.40 ta : 6.40 g/l

type : White **style** : Dry

pack : Bottle **closure** : Cork

Decanter World Wine Awards 2013 - Commended Medal

International Wine Challenge 2012 - Commended

Decanter World Wine Awards 2012 - Bronze Medal

in the vineyard : Background

Tradition and talent blend with passion, precision and patience at Nederburg, where classically structured wines are made with vibrant fruit flavours. Nederburg's hallmark combination of fruit and finesse continues to be rewarded around the world. The winery was recently chosen as the Winery of the Year in the Platter's South African Wine Guide, with an unprecedented five of its wines across the multi-tiered range earning five-star ratings in the 2011 edition. Nederburg also triumphed in Australia at the 2010 Tri-Nations Wine Challenge, winning the trophy for top dessert wine. It was also awarded the trophy for the most successful producer on the Old Mutual Trophy Wine Show in 2008 and again in 2009 and produced the winning Shiraz in the 2008 Lexus WINE Shiraz Challenge. These are just some of the many accolades earned by Nederburg where hand-crafted, micro-cuvées for specialist wine lovers and beautifully balanced and accessible wines for everyday enjoyment are made with equal commitment.

As Distell's biggest wine brand, Nederburg is exported to key global markets in the UK, Europe and North America, where it is steadily building a presence and reputation for classically styled wines with fruit-rich flavours. Its growing success as a global lifestyle brand is the result of an extensive infrastructure that includes ongoing viticultural research, implementation of pioneering vineyard practices, sourcing of top-quality grapes; major investment in cellar facilities and an international marketing and distribution network.

Razvan Macici heads the team as Nederburg cellar master. He is supported by two winemakers who work closely under his direction. They are Wilhelm Pienaar, who produces the red wines and Tariro Masayiti, who makes the whites.

The Winemaster's Reserve Collection

Nederburg's core super-premium wines are accommodated in The Winemaster's Reserve ensemble, named to honour the long-established tradition of winemaking excellence. These classic wines treasure the integrity of our grapes in every step of the wine-growing and winemaking journey. Every glass demonstrates an unwavering commitment to world-class vineyard and cellar skills.

This wine is made entirely from Sauvignon blanc grapes.

Vineyards (viticulturist: Drikus Heyns)



The grapes were sourced from vineyards in the Durbanville, Stellenbosch, Paarl and Darling areas. The vines, situated some 100m to 150m above sea level and planted between 1980 and 1999, are grown in Clovelly, Hutton, Tukulu and Oakleaf soils. Grafted onto nematode-resistant rootstock Richter 99 and 101-14, the vines received supplementary irrigation from a micro-irrigation system while some vines are grown under dryland conditions.

about the harvest: The grapes were harvested by hand and machine between 22° and 24° Balling from February to March.

in the cellar : The fruit was crushed and cool-fermented in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks at 13° C for a period of two to three weeks. A proportion of the grapes received skin contact for four to six hours before the free-run juice was drained. The wine was left on the fermentation lees for two months prior to final blending. Juice and wine movements were kept reductive with minimal mechanical handling to retain the distinctive Sauvignon blanc flavour and quality.

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