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Ataraxia Sauvignon Blanc 2011

This wine favours individuality and minerality ahead of pure, pungent fruit, but still shows passion fruit and citrus as well as melon and pink grapefruit aromas with just a hint of green grass and figs. 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 :** 13.5 % vol **rs :** 1.3 g/l **pH :** 3.29 **ta :** 7.7 g/l
type : White **style :** Dry
pack : Bottle **size :** 0 **closure :** Cork

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. Because of the consistently strong, moist southeasters which blew incessantly during the ripening period this year, the usual heat spike in January didn't arrive and only a mildly intense spike occurred at the end of February. My records show that the week following this spike was full of clouds and light drizzle – great conditions for harvesting optimally ripe Sauvignon Blanc. Which is exactly what we did! 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 mornings of the 2nd and 3rd of March, all our fruit was safely in by late-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.