

First Sighting Sauvignon Blanc 2011

variety : Sauvignon Blanc | 86% Sauvignon Blanc, 12% Semillon, 2% Nouvelle

winery : Strandveld Vineyards

winemaker : Conrad Vlok

wine of origin : Elim

analysis : alc : 12.5 % vol rs : 1.5 g/l pH : 3.37 ta : 6.6 g/l

type : White **style :** Dry **body :** Medium **taste :** Mineral

pack : Bottle **closure :** Screwcap

2009: WineMagazine Top 10 Sauvignon Blanc

2009: Bartho Eksteen Sauvignon Blanc Celebration Top 10 Sauvignon Blanc

2009: Bronze Medal: Old Mutual Trophy

2008: Three and a half stars: Platters WineGuide 2010

2007: Best Value Award: Wine Magazine

2006: Bronze Medal: Old Mutual Trophy 2006: Commended: International WineChallenge

2006: Top White Wine Award: SA Terroir WineAwards

ageing : 3-5 years

in the vineyard : Clones SB110, SB109, SB316, SB317, GD1

about the harvest:

The winter of 2009 was drier than the previous five years and was followed by an exceptionally wet and windy spring. Summer was one of the warmest on record. In the month of February, we recorded seven hours with temperatures above 30° C. The strong winds and rain in October, which is when flowering takes place, resulted in a 20% smaller crop. The lower yields were compensated for by superb quality, with big fruit flavours and exceptional mouth feel.

in the cellar :

Innovative winemaking techniques, cold fermentation with selected yeast strains and lees contact for four months.