

Nitida Sauvignon Blanc 2012

Conducive to a happy place moment in a lime orchard or on a dusty highveld plain. Awesome balance. Intense minerality, sweetpea, lemon grass and citrus pith.

Inspires Asian anything, essential with salad.

variety : Sauvignon Blanc | Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon

winery : Nitida

winemaker : RJ Botha

wine of origin : Durbanville

analysis : alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 1.9 g/l pH : 3.5 ta : 6.3 g/l

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

pack : Bottle **closure :** Screwcap

ageing : Can expect to age beautifully over the next 5 - 10 years.

in the vineyard : A very moderate summer led to a late start to our 2012 harvest. Even the short heat wave towards the end of January had little effect on our cool climate vines which recovered quickly despite the fact that there was not a drop of rain from December till the end of harvest. We carefully managed all our sauvignon blanc vineyards by partially opening up the canopy for optimal sun exposure thus guaranteeing healthy grapes, enhancing fruit development during ripening and ensuring a desirable balance of pyroxene (green) and thiols (tropical).

about the harvest: Altogether we harvested grapes from 11 different sites over 20 different pickings.

in the cellar : All batches are kept separate and given 12-18 hours skin contact. Nitida makes 6 different styles of sauvignon blanc and sauvignon blanc blends. Each wine is stylistically different, which we achieve through special tank selections and varying additions of semillon for extra mouthfeel and longevity. The 2012 Sauvignon blanc's are lower in alcohol but beautifully rounded with a wide range of cultivar characteristics to choose from. All of them will drink well immediately, but given their cool climate origins.

