

Ridgeback Sauvignon Blanc 2013

A fresh, tropical array of passion fruit, green guava and lime evolves to notes of gooseberry and pineapple on the palate and flinty minerality lingering on the aftertaste.

variety : Sauvignon Blanc | 100% Sauvignon Blanc

winery : Ridgeback Wines

winemaker : Toit Wessels

wine of origin : Paarl

analysis : alc : 13.0 % vol rs : 3.8 g/l pH : 3.44 ta : 5.8 g/l

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

pack : Bottle **size :** 0 **closure :** Screwcap

3½ Stars John Platter 2013

Double Gold South African Airways, Pouring Brand on SAA 2013

Gold Michelangelo 2012

Silver Veritas 2012

in the vineyard : The vineyards used to produce our Sauvignon Blanc are planted in an East-West direction to avoid direct sun exposure to the bunches and to protect the delicate tropical flavours. The vines grow in deep Oakleaf soils irrigated according to soil moisture availability and leaf water potential.

in the cellar :

- The grapes were harvested in the cool early morning hours and destemmed only to press under reductive conditions.
- The juice was settled with pectolytic enzyme for 48 hours at 9° Celsius before being racked and inoculated with selected commercial yeast cultures. Fermentation was managed at 13 - 16° Celsius and lasted for 22 days.
- A short 60 day period of lees contact aids midpalate while still retaining the crisp Sauvignon Blanc character.
- Great care is taken to retain the delicate tropical flavours by careful reductive juice and wine management from grape to bottle.

Bottled: 16 April 2013

Release Date: end May 2013

Bottles: 16367

Cellaring: None

