

## Bouchard Finlayson Walker Bay Sauvignon Blanc 2013

The benefit of having older Sauvignon Blanc vines is now becoming very noticeable, with some plantings now exceeding twenty years of age! Such mature vines offer richness of fruit which extend to bolder wines as evident in this 2013 vintage. It is possibly our richest and most structured Sauvignon Blanc ever and interesting to note that it is perhaps the first vintage where the harvesting of Sauvignon Blanc has taken place ahead of our Pinot Noir. Historically Pinot noir has always been the first grapes to reach the cellar, but for vintage reasons we have been presented with an about-turn in ripening dates, illustrating that grape varieties have personalities of their own, which in this case is probably influenced by the particularly long winter of 2012?

This is all hand-picked estate fruit presenting an intensity and spiciness with a haunting perfume of gooseberry and lemon grass layered over a mineral rich creamy palate. More tropical than grassy with great fruit tones and loads of body. It is also expected to age well!

**variety :** Sauvignon Blanc | 100% Sauvignon Blanc

**winery :** Bouchard Finlayson Boutique Vineyard

**winemaker :** Peter Finlayson

**wine of origin :** Walker Bay

**analysis :** alc : 13.15 % vol   rs : 2.9 g/l   pH : 3.32   ta : 5.1 g/l

**type :** White   **style :** Dry   **body :** Full

**pack :** Bottle   **size :** 0   **closure :** Cork

**in the vineyard :** Vintage 2013 Sauvignon Blanc is impacted by our rewarding soil conditions where we project more French than New World character in the wine and a small proportion of Semillon adds to its age ability. While soils and terroir are generally not convincingly promoted and described in local wine lore we do attribute a great deal of importance to the contribution presented by our shale soils. As with our ever successful Pinot noir wines, Sauvignon Blanc is also emerging to reflect similar maturity and impact!



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