

Oak Valley Mountain Reserve White Blend 2010

The Mountain Reserve expresses distinctive gooseberry and stonefruit character. Finely balanced, waxy lanolin and creamy texture, finish is typically crisp defined by an oyster shell minerality. Some oatmeal and complexity gained from age. A site-specific wine which carries a strong sense of place.

variety : Sauvignon Blanc | 80% Sauvignon Blanc, 20% Semillon
winery : Oak Valley
winemaker : Pieter Visser
wine of origin : Elgin
analysis : alc : 14.5 % vol rs : 2.8 g/l pH : 3.37 ta : 7.1 g/l va : 0.65 g/l
type : White **style** : Dry
pack : Bottle **size** : 750ml **closure** : Screwcap

Awarded 5 Stars by John Platter.

ageing : Cellaring potential of 5-10 years.

in the vineyard :

The Mountain Reserve is a blend of 80% Sauvignon Blanc and 20% Semillon. The Sauvignon Blanc is harvested from a registered single vineyard (3.73ha) planted in 2002 and situated ±530m above sea level amongst the fynbos of the Groenland Mountain. Yields are ultra-low, averaging less than 3 tons p/ha. The lower lying Semillon yields well at 9 t/ha.

Aspect: South-west facing slope

Elevation: 530m

Soil type: Medium texture gravelly soils with structured clay layer

Cultivar: Sauvignon Blanc (80%) / Semillon (20%)

Rootstock: Ruggeri 140, 101-14

Planting date: 1998 - 2004

Ha planted: 3.73 Sauvignon Blanc, 0.57 Semillon

Average tonnage: ±3 tons p/ha (Sauvignon Blanc) | ±9 tons p/ha (Semillon)

Irrigation: Drip irrigation, post-harvest mostly

Trellising: Extended Perold

Vine per ha: 2564-2857

about the harvest:

Grapes are harvested in the morning and cooled overnight.

Harvest dates: 11-12 March 2010

in the cellar : Bunches are hand sorted, de-stemmed and taken straight to press. After pressing, the Sauvignon Blanc is settled for 2 days and then racked before yeast is added. The 20% Semillon component is settled, transferred to barrel, and undergoes spontaneous fermentation. Semillon matures on the lees in 2nd and 3rd fill French oak for 9 months before blending with the Sauvignon Blanc. Only 3,025 bottles made.

