

Lanzerac Sauvignon Blanc 2001

This full-bodied, well structured wine has prominent ripe tropical flavours on the nose and mouth filling pineapple and guava characters which follow on to a well balanced and smooth palate. The Sauvignon Blanc has the muscle to stand up to a variety of white meat dishes, salads, creamy pastas and a must to try on its own.

variety : Sauvignon Blanc | Sauvignon Blanc

winery : Lanzerac

winemaker : Wynand Hamman

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 15.0 % vol rs : 1.4 g/l pH : 3.44 ta : 5.4 g/l so2 : 109 mg/l fso2 : 46 mg/l



in the vineyard : Vines were planted in 1998 at an altitude of 450m above sea level and on a slope that faces north east. These vines are shielded from the hot summer afternoon sun and the strong south easterly wind. Vines are trellised. During the summer the foliage is managed, this is to allow for maximum light and air penetration to help with cooling of the grapes as well as the proper ripening of the berries. Supplementary irrigation is given through drip-irrigation system. Soil moisture content is measured by means of a moisture-probe and vines are only irrigated when water is needed.

about the harvest: The grapes were harvested on the 12th of February 2001 at 26.5Â° Balling after a heat spell, with crops yielding only 2 tons per hectare. Because of the heat, grapes were cooled in the vineyard by means of dry ice, this also protects the berries from oxidation.

in the cellar : At the winery the grapes were crushed under a blanket of CO2 (dry ice) and pumped through a mashcooler to the press. The crushed grapes in the press was left on the skins, while the juice drained off for about two hours. These skins were then slightly pressed. The juice was pumped under a dry ice blanket into the settling tank, SO2 and enzymes added and left to settle for 48 hours. The clean juice was racked off the lees, yeast was added and fermentation took place at 12Â°C for about 14 days. The wine was left on the fermentation lees for three months prior to bottling.

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