

Oak Valley Fountain of Youth Sauvignon Blanc 2015

Oak Valley 'Fountain of Youth' Sauvignon Blanc expresses fruit aromas of passion fruit, white peach and litchi with a slight herbaceous undertone. Flavours of passion fruit persist on the palate, particularly granadilla, lemons, white pear, gooseberry and a lovely saline finish that reminds one of fresh oyster shells or sea salt. Weight on the palate is aided by the 5% Sémillon component which adds extra complexity.

variety : Sauvignon Blanc | 95% Sauvignon Blanc, 5% Sémillon

winery : Oak Valley

winemaker : Quentin Gobregts

wine of origin : Elgin

analysis : alc : 13.5 % vol rs : 3.3 g/l pH : 3.29 ta : 6.5 g/l va : 0.40 g/l

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

pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Screwcap

in the vineyard : Aspect: South-west facing slopes

Elevation: 420m (hillside) / 460m (mountain)

Soil type: Medium texture gravelly soils

Clones: SB9, SB11, SB133, SB159, SB161, SB316, SB317

Rootstock: R99, R110, 101-14, Ruggeri 140

Planting date: 2004, 2007

Ha planted: 8.36 ha

Average yield: ±6-8 tons p/ha

Irrigation: Drip irrigation, post-harvest mostly

Vines per ha: 2500-3500 vines

Trellis system: Extended Perold

about the harvest:

Fruit is harvested from two vineyard sites; the south-facing mountain block (3.2ha) planted in 2004 is ±460m above sea level and ripens up to two weeks later the lower lying hillside block (5.14ha) planted in 2007. Grapes are harvested early morning and chilled to 7°C.

Harvest dates: 23-25 February 2015

in the cellar : Bunches are hand sorted, de-stemmed and crushed. Selected parcels undergo a period of skin contact in tank to enhance flavour extraction, the remainder goes straight to press. The juice is settled for two days, raked, then yeast is added. Fermentation in tank occurs at 12-16°C until dry. The wine is left on the gross lees for 10 weeks.

The 5% blended Sémillon undergoes a natural fermentation in barrel and matures for 9 months in 2nd and 3rd fill French oak.

