

Foothills Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc 2016

Of all the wines in the range, the Sauvignon Blanc most reflects the cool growing conditions on the farm, with its brisk afternoon sea breezes. It combines minerality and fruit, with the minerality playing a more dominant role on the palate. The fruit is food-friendly, from the fresh spectrum, greengage and unripe prickly pear, with a subtle hint of apricot, while the 5% Semillon gives palate weight and length, without adding to Sauvignon's flavours. The wine is dry, linear, has a flinty purity, and its salty acidity reinforces the food compatibility, gives a good ageing ability.

The palate has the requisite crispness to partner food or can be enjoyed on its own, leaves the mouth refreshed, ready for the second glass.

variety : Sauvignon Blanc | 100% Sauvignon Blanc

winery : Foothills Vineyards / Klein Welmoed

winemaker : Bernard le Roux

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : . % vol rs : . g/l pH : . ta : . g/l va : . g/l so2 : . mg/l fso2 : . mg/l

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

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

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in the vineyard : Located in the foothills of the towering Helderberg mountains, a mere 6km from False Bay and within sight of the Atlantic Ocean, these relatively high altitude vineyards enjoy the full benefit of cooling sea breezes and rolling ocean mists. The southern sloping, well-drained sand, gravel and granitic clay soils contribute to an ideal terroir promoting a natural balance between the vigour of the young vines and their yields.

about the harvest: Age of Vines: Planted in 2008 and 2009.

Clones: 11 and 316

Yield: 6 tons/ha

Grapes are handpicked at 22.5 to 23° Balling in the morning when the weather is cooler, and placed in small lug boxes which reduces compaction and damage to the fruit. The grapes are then hand sorted on sorting tables.

in the cellar : Our experienced winemaker, Bernard Le Roux has been a part of the Foothills team since early 2014 and is passionate about producing site specific wines which reflect our unique terroir.

