

Eikendal Sauvignon Blanc 2016

The Eikendal Sauvignon Blanc 2016 has lovely tropical fruit, melon, Cape gooseberry, guava and a fresh grassy green aroma on the nose that follows through to the palate. The wine has a full mouth-feel, with a lively, delicate acidity and a long, pleasing finish.

Pair with Goats' Cheese, Oysters, Artichoke, Pesto Gnocchi

variety : Sauvignon Blanc | 100% Sauvignon Blanc

winery : Eikendal Vineyards

winemaker : Nico Grobler

wine of origin : Western Cape

analysis : alc : 13.0 % vol rs : 2.5 g/l pH : 3.36 ta : 5.5 g/l

type : White **style :** Dry **body :** Medium **taste :** Mineral

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

ageing : Up to 2-3 years if cellared correctly.

in the vineyard : All the grapes are meticulously sourced from the Elgin Valley. Elgin offers a very cool climate at an altitude of 350m above sea level and is optimal for premium Sauvignon Blanc production. We focus on two different clones of Sauvignon Blanc which offer a desired blend of fruit-driven flavours, combined with more earthy asparagus and fig flavours. Canopy manipulations range from extreme leaf removal to minimal intervention to produce these specific flavours. Vine spacing is 2.4m x 1.2m and during most vintages the grapes are grown without any irrigation.

in the cellar : All blocks are kept separate through the Vinification process. The grapes were picked in the early morning where they were cooled down before being delivered to the cellar. After destemming and a soft crushing, the juice enjoyed approximately four hours of skin contact followed by a gentle pressing. The free run and pressed juices were kept separately. The next 48 hours saw the juice then settling below 10°C with minimal intervention. Fermentation was completely spontaneous and natural with no addition of artificial yeasts and took eight months to complete. During this time the wine stayed on its primary lees. 80% was fermented in stainless steel tanks and 20% in small, egg-shaped tanks. Blending took place eight months after harvest.

