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Waterford Elgin Sauvignon Blanc 2022

A very focused style of Sauvignon blanc showing fresh granadilla, granny smith apple and white pear, with underlying chalk and slate notes confirming the Elgin origin of the grapes. The palate is finely textured with crisp fruit, fresh natural acidity, and a deceptively long finish of flavours. A wine showing the true expression of Elgin terroir on Sauvignon blanc.

Cheese (especially goat cheese), green vegetables (asparagus, zucchini, fresh peas, artichokes), oysters and delicate fish like sole.

variety : Sauvignon Blanc | 100% Sauvignon Blanc
winery : Waterford Estate
winemaker : Mark Le Roux
wine of origin : Elgin
analysis : **alc :** 13.0 % vol **rs :** 1.8 g/l **pH :** 3.10 **ta :** 7.1 g/l
type : White **style :** Dry **body :** Light **taste :** Fruity
pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Screwcap

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A winter with rainfall recordings that were only slightly higher than the long-term average. The flowering a berry set season posed some challenges, regarding diseases, due to the higher humidity and odd rain showers - this led to a slight unevenness in the bunches.

The ripening period experienced very cool nights and lovely warm days, three periods of heat waves, but all were under the two day threshold, which left a very minimal effect on the bunches. The bunches remained healthy and the cool nights made for a rather late season. These earlier ripening varietals are showing well with good concentration and flavour.

in the vineyard : Sourced from a single producer in Elgin, 6 different blocks of Sauvignon blanc are used to create a various number of batches of wine to select from for the blend.

about the harvest: Good winter rains but still below the normal average. Odd warm days during winter but some snowfall during late winter / early spring along with some rain helped dam levels rise. These conditions also prepped for good, even budding to start the growing season.

During ripening the odd heat wave was experienced but overall lovely warm days and coolish nights allowed for perfect ripening and earlier picking dates. This resulting in lovely fresh, flavoured and rich wines with relatively low alcohol levels.

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