

Fleur du Cap Sauvignon Blanc Unfiltered 2003

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â€A powerful Sauvignon blanc with tropical fruit flavours, including melon, mango and pineapple. It is a full-bodied wine that is perfectly balanced with a crisp acid, which follows the nose with sublime greenpepper and freshly cut grass flavours. A food wine with an excellent, lingering and complex finish, the Sauvignon Blanc Unfiltered will also develop well with maturation,â€ says winemaker Kobus Gerber.

Complements grilled fish, prawns and smoked salmon. Ideal with steamed Asian dishes and perfect with asparagus, avocado and goatsâ€™ milk cheese.

variety : Sauvignon Blanc | 100% Sauvignon Blanc

winery : Fleur du Cap

winemaker : Kobus Gerber

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : alc : 13.80 % vol rs : 3.07 g/l pH : 3.27 ta : 6.69 g/l

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

pack : Bottle

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in the vineyard : Made from superior grapes meticulously selected from prized vineyard blocks in the Cape Coastal region, Fleur du Cap Unfiltered wines are shaped in perfect harmony with nature. Handpicked in the vineyard and handcrafted in the cellar, these new generation wines capture the highly sought-after qualities of varietal character and terroir. Sedimentation, racking and fining as opposed to filtration maximise the preservation of colour and flavour elements resulting in wines that abound with fruit and flavour.

Terroir

Climate, soil, altitude and slope orientation are selected to capture as much varietal character as possible. The climate is mild with south and east facing slopes offering natural protection against late afternoon sun. Cooling breezes from the Atlantic Ocean ensure rich, slow growing crops. Soils are predominately medium textured and well-drained with good water holding capacity.

The vineyards (Viticulturist: Bennie Liebenberg)

The wine is a blend of grapes selected from several vineyards, mainly in the Stellenbosch and Darling regions. The 9-year-old Darling vineyards are cultivated under dryland conditions and produced a yield of 6 tons per hectare while the 8-year-old bushvine in the Bottellary region produced a yield of 6 tons/ha. A vineyard in the Somerset West/Schaapenberg area that is trellised on a 5-wire hedge system, also produced a smaller yield of 2-3 tons/ha. Pest and disease control was implemented according to South African subjective IPW standards.

about the harvest: The grapes were handpicked at 23-24â° Balling and showed ripe tropical flavours at harvest.

in the cellar : The wine was treated reductively to capture the lively flavour of Sauvignon blanc. Lees contact has enhanced the mouthfeel adding greater depth to the already concentrated fruit flavours.

