

Zevenwacht Sauvignon Blanc 2004

Expression of a green tinge in the colour of a Sauvignon blanc is every winemakers aspiration and this wine shows this accomplishment perfectly. Clear and bright. Emanating from the glass are wonderful tropical fruit aromas interspersed with herbal accents. The palate is crisp and juicy and has a lingering finish that reminds one of green figs and liquorice root.

Conversations with a street vendor "exotic tropical fruits and Asian greens and, when questioned, a hauntingly crisp rejoinder.

variety : Sauvignon Blanc | 100% Sauvignon Blanc

winery : Zevenwacht Wine Estate

winemaker : Karl Lambour

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : alc : 13.0 % vol rs : 1.8 g/l pH : 3.34 ta : 6.2 g/l

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

pack : Bottle

in the vineyard : At 340 meters above sea level, these vineyards are the most elevated at Zevenwacht. Three clones are planted that suit the site perfectly. Pungency and aromatic concentration are the hallmark of a fine Sauvignon blanc and there is no shortage of these characteristics on the lofty southern slopes of the Kuils River hills. The mature vines are almost 12 years old. The decomposed granite soils include desirable clay elements that retain moisture during the drier months of ripening, yet, as a result of the prominent gravel fractions, allow for excellent drainage.

in the cellar : Cool fermentation temperatures at 15 degrees Celsius have allowed outstanding expression of the herbal and pungent fruity characteristics of the grape variety. Extended post-fermentation lees contact lends mid-palate weight and a creamy texture without obscuring the articulation of the aromatic potential. The wine was bottled after a light protein fining. Although Wine of Origin Stellenbosch, this wine includes two rather diverse vineyard sites within the demarcation. A high lying vineyard on the Helshoogte Pass has made its presence felt with freshness and grippy acidity. The Zevenwacht vineyard on the Kuils River Hills brings a richly tropical nuance to this remarkable Sauvignon Blanc.



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