Hanwood Estate

2015 Sauvignon Blanc

Vineyard Region: South East Australia

Vintage Conditions: A very dry spring that flowed into a dry early summer causing an early ripening in most white varieties. Some late January rain caused some nervous moments but fortunately, the weather remained dry for the remainder of the harvest. This allowed the fruit to be harvested at its optimal flavour development with little disease pressure. The white varietals from the 2015 vintage are looking strong with a good level of fruit flavours and nice acid balance.

Colour: Light pale straw

Aroma: Hints of fresh snow pea and herbs, combined beautifully with intense passionfruit and citrus flavours.

Palate: A dry and fresh style showing intense passionfruit and other exotic tropical fruit flavours. The lively acidity is balanced well by a light sweetness, providing fantastic weight and length to this exceptionally structured wine.

Vinification & Maturation: Many parcels of Sauvignon Blanc grapes were either hand picked or machine harvested at their optimum maturity level during the cool of the early morning and delivered direct to the winery for immediate processing. At the winery, the grapes were gently crushed using anaerobic handling techniques into McWilliams drainers which allowed the best free-run juice to be separated from the grapes. This pristine juice was then slowly settled and fined to remove any phenolics, then racked and warmed before fermentation in stainless steel tanks. The combination of yeast strains used to perform the alcoholic fermentation was selected especially to produce characters that enhance the natural fruit flavours and contribute elegance to the wine. After fermentation, the wine was lees stirred for six to eight weeks to enhance richness across the mid palate and provide palate weight for the final wine. The wine was then blended and stabilised before filtration and bottling under screw cap.

Alcohol: 12.5%   **pH:** 3.40   **Acidity:** 6.30 g/L

Peak Drinking: Now or within the next 18 months

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