

# Engine ROOM Sauvignon Blanc



**Vintage** 2011

**Variety** 100% Sauvignon Blanc

**Region** 100% Adelaide Hills

## Viticulture

The climate and selected soil types found in the Adelaide Hills are producing some of the highest quality Sauvignon Blanc grapes grown in Australia due to its high rainfall and cool, even ripening. Careful vineyard selection has rewarded us with fruit showing outstanding varietal character and good natural acid at harvest. At over 1300 ft above sea level, these are some of the highest vineyards in the region.

The 2010/2011 growing season was characterised by above average rainfall that fell from September through to March and filled the water level profile to levels not seen for many years. Although the season has had its challenges, diligent timing of spray application has largely avoided the problems that some regions experienced.

## Winemaking

A cool wet ripening period ensured we had a slow approach to harvest with more than a few anxious moments. Selecting the perfect day for harvesting was critical to ensure the fruit retained lively acid, yet at the same time, developed its varietal characteristics. To ensure that flavour was maintained in perfect condition, the fruit was picked in the chill of the night, from midnight to dawn (in temperatures as low as 5C) delivering the Sauvignon Blanc grapes to the winery at the break of day.

The fruit was immediately cold pressed and settled to clarify the must at four degrees Celsius, racked after 2 days and then cold fermented in static stainless steel fermenters over 21 days at 14C. The wine was clarified and bottled immediately to capture the pure expression of cool climate Sauvignon Blanc.

**Cellaring** Drink now.

**Bottling Date** May 24, 2011.

## Technical Details

Specific Gravity	0.9910	Sulphur Dioxide FREE	32 mg/L
Alcohol	12.5% v/v	Sulphur Dioxide TOTAL	128 mg/L
Volatile Acidity	0.35 g/L	Residual Sugar	2.8g/L
Titratable Acid	6.37 g/L	pH	3.31



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