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Coralinga Sauvignon Blanc 2010

Grape Variety

100% sauvignon blanc grown on the Coulter vineyard and Henschke Archer's vineyard at Lenswood in the Adelaide Hills.

Technical Details

Harvest Date: 25 February-9 March | Alcohol: 13% | pH: 3.15 | Acidity: 7.11g/L

Maturation

Fermented in tank and bottled post-vintage (no tank maturation) to preserve the wine's aromatic fruit characters.

Background

The sauvignon blanc pays tribute to the nearby historic Coralinga homestead and apple orchards destroyed by bushfires in the early 1900s. Lenswood lies in the Adelaide Hills, the heart of the South Mount Lofty Ranges. At 550m, Lenswood has higher rainfall and humidity at the right time of the year, cooler temperatures to retain high natural acidity and still enough sunshine to fully ripen the grapes.

The exotic aromatic qualities of the sauvignon blanc reflect the exceptional site of these vineyards and the suitability of this variety to the cool climate of the Adelaide Hills.

The vineyards have steep north to east facing slopes.

Vintage Description

The 2010 Adelaide Hills vintage received above average winter rainfall. A two-week heat wave experienced across SA in November had less impact on the vines in the Adelaide Hills, as it was less severe and occurred pre-flowering. Rain continued through till midsummer and was recorded as one of the wettest seasons for many years.

Like Eden Valley, the vintage in the Hills was a week earlier than last year. Powdery mildew was more prevalent due to the very humid conditions experienced throughout summer which was a good test for the organic/biodynamic strategy! The earlier vintage without the extremes in temperature gave high quality fruit with great flavour and fine acids, but did affect the quantity with average yields.

Wine Description

Pale green-gold in colour. Sweet, fragrant aromas of tropical fruits with gooseberry and white currant; a hint of citrus zest and grassy undertones. The intense palate is rich with hints of anise and passionfruit, crunchy acidity, nice minerality and a long, crisp finish.

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Cellaring Potential

Excellent vintage,
drink now to 5+ years.