

Appellation Series
Elgin Sauvignon Blanc



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Boschendal Elgin Sauvignon Blanc is singular in its expression of the pristine geographical nuances and the unique character typical of its cool climate vineyard origins.

Vintage: 2020
Variety: 100% Sauvignon Blanc
Wine of Origin: Elgin

In the Vineyard:

This Sauvignon Blanc is sourced from the highest vineyard in Elgin on a mountain plateau 500m above sea level only 18km away from the cool Atlantic Ocean. The vineyard, located on well-drained Bokkeveld shale soils, is one of the latest ripening sites in the Cape. Grapes were harvested by hand at an average 21.9°B, with bunch selection done in the vineyard and cool transportation in small bins to preserve the integrity of the fruit.

Vinification:

A second berry sorting by hand occurred on arrival at the cellar and ensured that only the optimum quality grapes were crushed. All cellar tactics and handling decisions were made to retain freshness and emphasise the natural fruit quality and purity. All air contact with the juice and wine was avoided by using inert gasses to preserve the inherent fruit flavours. Fermentation took place in stainless steel tanks at a controlled temperature of 16°C. Wine was left on the primary lees after fermentation. Stirring of the lees happened weekly for the first eight weeks, thereafter once monthly. This process, called bâtonnage, ensures a rounded and soft structure on the mid-palate of the wine and a rich, lingering finish.

Winemaker's Tasting Notes:

Glistening pale gold with a vibrant green hue.

On the nose: An expressive aromatic nose with generous white asparagus, Tahiti lime, fleshy peach, Cape gooseberry and lemon verbena.

Palate: Limey, chalky characteristics carry through to a broad yet intricate palate detailed by a distinct minerality and riveting freshness on a lingering zesty finish.

Ageing potential: This Sauvignon Blanc will stand the test of time. Drink now, or enjoy the intriguing, complex ageing for another five to eight years.

Technical Analysis

Alc: 12.5% vol
RS: 2.8 g/l
TA: 6.0 g/l
pH: 3.24