

dornier

WINES



Modern Classics from Stellenbosch

2012 | THE PIRATE OF COCOA HILL SAUVIGNON BLANC

Tasting Note by the Winemaker

With our Sauvignon blanc we aim at making a wine that is fresh, youthful and abundant with fruit flavours as opposed to an overly green Sauvignon blanc. Balance between the fruit, alcohol and acidity is of utmost importance. Notes of granny smith apple, litchi and guava dominate the nose with hints of melon and lime. The palate is full and fresh with a great mineral quality and lasting aftertaste. This is an excellent food wine.

Vintage Conditions

The 2012 vintage will be remembered as bringing one of the longest ripening periods recorded at Dornier. The heat spell in January was followed by an unusually cool February. This allowed the fruit to hang on the vines for longer, resulting in smaller, concentrated berries with intense flavours and natural acidity. We were able to pick for phenolic ripeness, without the increase in sugar sometimes experienced towards the end of the season. This resulted in beautifully flavourful fruit and excellent balance in the final product.

Fermentation and Aging

The 2012 vintage conditions allowed us to hang the Sauvignon blanc a few additional days thereby gaining in complexity. Each batch received a light press to extract only the highest quality juice after-which they were individually fermented at cold temperatures (14°C) in stainless steel tanks for approximately 10 days. Flavour and style specific yeast were selected as to obtain the desired fruit and aroma characteristics. Post fermentation, they remained on the full lees with battonage (lees stirring) performed weekly for a further two months thereby gaining the beneficial characteristics of fullness and texture into the wine.

Peak drinking

2012 through 2014

Food pairing

Pairs well with delicate fish and seafood dressed with a light cream sauce as well as subtle chicken dishes cooked with fresh and fragrant ingredients. Also accompanies refined pork dishes such as hams and pork loin. Vegetarian options include vegetable risotto as well as Asian styled vegetable dishes.

Analysis: Alcohol: 12.0 %; Residual Sugar: 4.2 g/l; VA: 0.19g/L; TA: 5.8; pH: 3.28

