

2013 Sauvignon Blanc



pH: 3.14

Titrateable Acidity: 6.8 g/L

Alcohol: 12.3%

Harvest Parameters: August 31, 2013 (Sauvignon Blanc) at 20.0 Brix, 3.14 pH, and 6.4 g/L of titrateable acidity; August 30, 2013 (Muscat Blanc) at 19.6 Brix, 3.40 pH, and 5.7 g/L of titrateable acidity.

Blend: 80% Sauvignon Blanc, Sagemoor Vineyard block 309; 20% Muscat Blanc, Airfield Estates

All stainless steel fermentation and aging.

Cases produced: 208

Release Date: April 12th, 2014

Winemaker's Notes: This wine is a marriage of both Washington and New Zealand styles of Sauvignon Blanc. Tropical fruits of passionfruit and pineapple, stone fruits such as peach and apricot, and orange blossom, linalool, and grassiness are on the nose. On the palate, a pleasant mouthfeel with moderate acidity lead to lime, grapefruit, and peach that is secondarily taken over by the wines inherent grassiness. This is the perfect summer wine. Drink now through 2018.

Winemaking: The goal for this wine was a crisp, clean Sauvignon Blanc with both tropical fruit flavors and a touch of grassiness, reminiscent of New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc. The fruit was picked early in the morning and cooled for a day to maintain a cool temperature for the juice at pressing. The grapes were pressed whole cluster in a bladder press under a blanket of CO₂ gas to reduce oxygen contact and with enzymes to enhance settling and aromatics. The juice was pumped to tank where fermentation would take place. The juice was settled for a day and then inoculated with QA23 yeast. Fermentation proceeded at 55 degrees for 12 days. The wine was fermented to dryness and then blended together in a stainless steel tank. The wine was cold stabilized at 33 degrees, protein stabilized with bentonite, and prepared for bottling on March 27th, 2014.

Awards:

Silver – 2014 Tri-Cities Wine Fest

Silver – 2014 Northwest Wine Summit

Silver – 2014 Great Northwest Wine Walla Walla Competition

Excellent rating on their website reviews

Bronze – 2014 San Francisco International Wine Competition

Bronze – 2014 Sunset International Wine Competition

18/20 – August Review of Washington Wines (Rand Sealey)

88 pts – November 2014 Wine Enthusiast