



Harvest Specifications

Harvest Date	Brix	Titrateable Acidity g/L	pH	Wine %
Sept 25	20.0°	8.5	3.12	100%

Wine Analysis

Alcohol %vol.	Titrateable Acidity g/L	pH	Residual Sugar g/L	Production
12.8%	7.7	3.27	<2.0 g/L	128 cases

The 2021 growing season and harvest was not without challenges but since this variety ripens relatively early, we were able to harvest beautifully ripe grapes with minor sorting in the vineyard to remove small amounts of substandard berries. In the end we made 2 different Sauvignon Blanc small batch wines from this same batch of Estate grown Sauvignon Blanc.

Although blending and creation of happy symbiotic wines from blending of several varieties and often complimentary but different winemaking, in this case we split the juice after a light pressing and used different techniques of winemaking with each and maintained separate batches because we liked each so much. We refer to these two versions as our “Earth” and our “Forest” series. The Earth series are fermented and aged in the traditional earthen/ceramic vessels that we brought from China. The Forest series is fermented and matured in a large format 500 L French oak puncheon. Each method brings different desired characteristics to the wine.

The Earth series maintains a pure aromatic grapefruit, gooseberry and passionfruit aroma profile as hallmarks of the variety – but also a broader, more open and complex texture on the palate, with the mouthwatering tart fruit being mellowed by prolonged lees contact. But a unique feature of these vessels is that they allow minute amounts of oxygen to slowly find a way to react with the wine and soften it slightly, migrating through the 3 cm thick stoneware ceramic walls of the vessels. Commonly used stainless steel tanks do not allow for this, and while oak does the same trick with oxygen, barrels

and oak vessels also brings a compliment of aroma, flavour and texture all its own. Ceramic does not do that so the wine remains more linear and “pure”. As we have said before about this variety of grapes when vinted with care, there are piercing fruit impressions like a vigorous trout jumping out of a cool, quiet pool. Try both of these wines and tell us what you find with each of our Earth and Forest series Sauvignon Blanc wines.