



EAGLES' NEST

CONSTANTIA

EAGLES' NEST SAUVIGNON BLANC 2016



Eagles' Nest, located on the crest of Constantia Nek pass, is nestled at the foot of the awe inspiring Table Mountain. This pristine and boutique family owned vineyard (38 Ha in size) has in recent years gained a striking reputation for both its beauty and award winning wines.

Uniquely characteristic of its wines is its signature of finesse, derived from the cooler climate conditions its vines are exposed to as a result of its elevation and close proximity to the oceanic body that is False Bay, thus delivering very distinctive wines not found elsewhere in South Africa.

Quality and consistency is paramount at Eagles' Nest. Our unique terroir, combined with meticulous attention to detail in the vineyards and cellar, yields wines that are the epitome of elegance and balance.

Variety: 100% Sauvignon
No. of bottles: 21,750

Analysis:

Alcohol 12.5 vol % | **Sugar** 1.9g/l | **TA** 7.1 g/l | **pH** 3.31 | **TSO₂** 106 mg/l | **FSO₂** 31 mg/l

This is the 5th vintage of Sauvignon Blanc made on the estate. The grapes come from two cooler-climate coastal vineyard sites especially chosen for their ability to produce world-class Sauvignon Blanc. We hand-harvested the grapes into small lug boxes and transported them in a refrigerated truck to the farm in Constantia, where they were cooled further in a specialised cooling room to 5°C. The following morning the bunches were de-stemmed and left to cold macerate for 8 hours prior to being gently pressed, recovering about 70%. The juice settled overnight in a stainless steel tank, after which only the premium clear juice was racked off and inoculated with a cultured yeast strain. The fermentation temperatures were very low, peaking at 13.5°C. After fermentation, the wine remained on the lees to give it further complexity for 6 months.

This wine exhibits a beautiful pale straw hue. The nose shows primary Sauvignon blanc fruit aromas of passion-fruit, pineapples and guavas. The palate is fresh, with a lively acidity and the tropical fruit aromas carrying through. The soft, elegant mouth-feel and focused acidity suggest this wine will be ideally paired with sushi, grilled fish and shell fish. Enjoy now or to 2019.

Eagles' Nest Sauvignon blanc 2015
Wine Advocate: 89 Points | Tim Atkin SA Report: 90 Points

Eagles' Nest Sauvignon blanc 2013
Tim Atkin SA Report: 92 Points | 3.5 Stars, 2014 Platter Wine Guide

Eagles' Nest Sauvignon blanc 2011
3.5 Stars, 2014 Platter Wine Guide

Eagles' Nest Sauvignon blanc 2010
Veritas Gold Medal (2012) | Category Winner: Wine-of-the-Month Club (2012) | Tim Atkin SA Report: 92 Point Rating

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