

PASSEL ESTATE

MARGARET RIVER



Passel Estate 2020 Sauvignon Blanc

2020 Vintage

Warmer than average Spring temperatures got the season off to an early start. The sustained warm, dry, sunny weather through January and February allowed the fruit to ripen steadily with no risk of disease. A cooler front brought rainfall at the end of February and slowed things down, providing excellent ripening and softening of tannins with great flavour development. The perfect ripening conditions resulted in a 2020 vintage of outstanding fruit quality with great concentration and mouth-watering levels of natural acidity.

Vineyard

The 17-year-old Sauvignon Blanc vines are planted north-south, thus benefitting from even sunlight and warmth on either side of the canopy throughout the growing season. The canopy is managed to ensure a perfect balance of shade and light, keeping the fruit healthy and allowing for gradual and controlled development of fruit flavour while retaining the grapes' natural acidity and minerality. After veraison, the fruit is covered with bird netting through to harvest.

Winemaking

Sauvignon Blanc fruit was harvested in the early hours of the morning and immediately cold crushed to press, where the juice was separated from the skin. The juice was cold settled for 2-3 days before being racked and fermented in stainless steel and new French oak barrels (20%). The oaked portion was combined with the portion in stainless steel after fermentation, where the wine was matured on the fine lees with bâtonnage occurring fortnightly for 5 months. The wine received a light fining prior to filtration and was then bottled with all-natural acidity.

Tasting Notes

Lemon grass, white pear and a touch of brioche introduce an elegant and focused wine. Fine lines of pure white fruit tannin and bristling natural acidity merge to form a lengthy and flavoursome palate, laced with hints of gooseberries, meringue and white stone fruit. Drink now for freshness or be rewarded with cellaring.

Accolades & Awards

Silver Medal Australia and New Zealand Boutique Wine Show 2021

93 Points Ralph Kyte-Powell, The Real Review 2022