

## 2018 Luna Estate Sauvignon Blanc



### Vintage and Vine

Ample winter and early spring rains made parts of the vineyard inaccessible for machinery in the early part of the growing season. Conditions changed to extreme dry with a mini drought and well above average temperatures into late October and November. Good even budburst followed by an excellent fruit set, combined with rapid shoot growth promising an excellent crop. Alas, the weather turned again! High and frequent rainfall combined with high

temperatures created a nightmare scenario in the vineyard; Everything grew like crazy, and disease pressure was very high! The team worked like mad and made the best of a difficult season. Harvest in the end was two –three weeks ahead of normal. For us at least we harvested some fantastic flavours, with some blocks looking the best I have ever seen them!

### Winery

The Sauvignon Blanc was Hand harvested at the Blue Rock Vineyard from 2 mature blocks. One of the blocks is planted on heavier clay, the other is planted on a lighter much rockier soil. Fruit is destemmed and crushed into the press where it was soaked on skins for a day in an attempt to extract additional ripe phenolics. Gentle pressing followed by a short cold settling of juice in tank for separation from heavier press lees. Majority barrel fermented in seasoned French oak with a portion fermented in stainless steel. Matured on lees for 9 months. Lightly fined with bentonite. No animal products used.

**pH 3.20**

**T/A 6.0**

**RS 2.5 g/l**

**Alc 13%**

### The Wine

Clear, bright pale gold with a greenish tinge

A complex fruit and mineral focused bouquet with toasty/leesy barrel ferment character

Palate is harmonious and balanced. Ample weight and texture weaving seamlessly with a delicate, integrated line of acidity. Dry finish with pure tropical fruit and ripe citrus intensity.

A delicious drink now wine, but will cellar well for 5 plus years.