

**2010 The First Lady
Sauvignon Blanc 100%
Adelaide Hills 100%**

Wine Analysis
Winemaker: Greg Clack
Bottled: September 2010
Alcohol: 12.7%
Oak: 6 months
1 and 2 year old French Oak
Acid: 7.8 g/L
pH: 3.13
Sulphur: 117 mg/L

In the Vineyard

Selected from three premium vineyards, two from the northern hills and the other from Kuitpo to the south. The first northern vineyard has a north/south row orientation with a very gentle south-easterly facing slope. The second has an east/west row orientation with a moderate easterly facing slope. Both produce distinctly different characters in the wine. The Kuitpo vineyard has an east/west orientation with a moderate slope to the north-east giving wine with a touch more tropical fruit than the wine from the other vineyards, which are more herbaceous in character.

In the Winery

Each vineyard parcel was treated independently of the others with each parcel being picked in the cool early hours of the morning and processed carefully under inert gas cover. The free run and pressing parcels were kept separate and only the free run parcels selected for the First Lady. The southern parcel was transferred to one and two year old French oak at 8° baumé and completed fermentation in barrel. The other parcels were fermented to dryness in stainless steel and then transferred to two year old French oak for maturation in order to maintain the minerality of the wine without giving the wine too much palate creaminess. Matured in oak for six months with lees contact in order to build texture and mouthfeel. Bottled before summer to preserve the unique and complex aroma of the wine.

In the Glass Colour

Brilliant pale golden straw with a luminous pale green hue.

Bouquet

Intense nose of delicately balanced tropical fruits, pawpaw, honeydew melon, grapefruit and a hint of mango and passionfruit. A touch of varietal gooseberry with hints of tomato bush give true varietal definition to the wine. An alluring and delicate lift of subtle vanilla bean with hints of spice add depth to the nose.

Palate

The palate is integrated and balanced with fresh tropical fruit and cucumber with hints of subtle French oak displaying lifted nuances of vanilla and nutmeg spice. Lively acidity along with the textural oak tannins and lees contact in barrel give great length and complexity while contributing to the depth of the palate. It can be drunk now, however full rewards will be obtained by allowing the varietal character to intensify over a short cellaring time and the oak to mellow and integrate seamlessly.



The First Lady Story

Mary Anne Newman was one of the first children born of European descent in Adelaide soon after colonisation in 1836. George Lionel Vincent Newman, one of Mary Anne's 20 children was the first Newman to move and settle at Chain of Ponds. The Newman descendants remained at Chain of Ponds right to the end, when the family home was demolished in the early 1970's.

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