



## Pilot Block Sauvignon Blanc 2008

**Sauvignon Blanc 88%, Semillon 12%**  
**Adelaide Hills 100%**

### Wine Analysis

Winemaker	Greg Clack
Bottled	September 2008
Alcohol	12.5%
Oak	Unoaked
Acid	7.1 g/L
pH	3.32
Residual Sugar	5.1g/L
Sulphur	152mg/L

### In the Vineyard

Vintage 2008 was one of the most challenging on record. The ideal growing conditions early in the season were cut short by an extended heat wave during the peak ripening weeks. Fruit from the Adelaide Hills was let off lightly compared with difficulties faced in most regions, but harvest was significantly earlier than usual due to the heat. With the warmer conditions came more tropical fruit character and less cut grass. However we carefully harvested in the coolest part of the morning to ensure the grapes retained their herbaceous qualities and were fresh and firm on arrival at the crusher.

### In the Winery

The grapes were de-stemmed and gently air bag pressed to extract all the delicate fruit flavours, without absorbing any harsh skin tannins or colour - hence the pale appearance of the wine. The use of two typical varietal Sauvignon Blanc yeasts has enhanced the natural fruit characters. The wine was bottled under Stelvin soon after vintage, to retain its vibrant freshness.

### In the Glass

**Colour** Very pale straw with a youthful hint of green.

**Bouquet** A vibrant array of tropical and summer fruits – paw paw, passionfruit, lychee and kiwifruit with underlying citrus, gooseberry and asparagus notes.

**Palate** You are greeted with lively upfront paw paw, passionfruit, gooseberry and melon with crisp acidity and citrus notes supporting the tropical fruits and giving the palate length. A hint of freshly split pea pods contributes a herbaceous quality which gives the finish an extra dimension. The exceptionally clean finish, with a lingering freshness, leaves a craving for more.

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