
Domaine A

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2013 Domaine A Lady A

Domaine A Lady A Sauvignon Blanc originates from ancient, cool climate terroir in Tasmania's historic Stoney Vineyard. It is a wine of absolute dedication, crafted according to a rigorous viticultural regime and uncompromising approach to winemaking.

The first vintage of Lady A was made in secret as a present for Ruth Althaus in 1996. Inspired by the famous oaked Sauvignon's of Bordeaux, Lady A has earned a cult status reputation around the globe. It was described by James Halliday as being "the finest Oaked Sauvignon Blanc" he ever tasted.

Lady A is crafted in small batches from a single hectare plot at Stoney Vineyard. It hails from the oldest sauvignon vines on the estate dating back to 1991. Lady A is fermented in 100% new French oak barriques and matured on fine lees for one year. It is rested in the cellar for two further years or more until ready for release. Peter Althaus suggests cellaring the Lady A for up to ten years.

TASTING NOTES

Pale straw colour. Aromatics of grapefruit, lavender offset by spicy vanilla bean notes. Bright lemon and honeysuckle flavours woven with subtle nuances of oak and pure, natural acid drive. Mouth filling, complex and long with a soft, creamy finish.

ALCOHOL 13.5%

Domaine A is set in one of the most pristine natural environments in the world. Established in 1973, the historic Stoney Vineyard is the oldest vineyard in Tasmania's Coal River Valley. Ancient soil and truly cool climate give rise to inspirational terroir founded on 200 million year old Jurassic Dolerite. Domaine A lies on a north facing slope that enjoys a temperate maritime climate and extended sunlight hours over a long, cool season. Each Domaine A wine is a reflection of extraordinary terroir with a proven record of critical acclaim and genuine ageing capacity.
