

# STONEY VINEYARD SAUVIGNON BLANC 2019



## Style and winemaking:

This release of Stoney Sauvignon Blanc is the start of a new direction for this label. With our first vintage directing the vineyard in 2018, I remarked on the level of fruit weight and flavour in the fruit Peter traditionally used for Stoney Sauvignon Blanc. I was impressed and decided to ferment all the Sauvignon Blanc in oak during the 2019 season to see what potential it had. While not quite having the power and depth of the Lady A blocks, the wines were great and I think the effort put in has added a huge amount to this label. Certainly more serious than the earlier versions, it's also more suitable for earlier drinking than the Lady A.

## Viticulture:

All fruit used in this wine is Tasmanian. The fruit was sourced from the Domaine A-owned and operated Stoney Vineyard (Campania, Coal Valley). Vintage 2019 was another atypical season, with high summer temperatures and an early start (though not as early as it could have been). March ended up being cool enough that the pace of ripening slowed, but in April things were pushing quickly and we were only just able to get fruit picked in time to avoid high alcohols. Yields were very low due to the dry season but I believe fruit quality was excellent.

## Winemaking:

Winemaker:	Conor Van Der Reest		
Varietal blend:	Sauvignon Blanc	E17	80%
		E18	13%
	Semillon	B8	7%
Abv:	13.6%		
Bottled:	2019		
Closure:	Stelvin		
Cases Produced:	398 dozen		

## Tasting note:

Ripe, golden straw tones in the glass foreshadow the wine itself—a youthful bundle of fruit, baked-goods and pronounced-but-integrated oak. Melon and toast lead a juicy nose of lychee, charred pineapple and pear. The oak presents beautifully, giving nutmeg, vanilla and cinnamon (balanced by an ample, smooth mouthfeel), before a long finish.



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