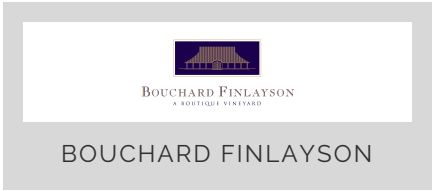


## WALKER BAY SAUVIGNON BLANC, BOUCHARD FINLAYSON



Vintage 2023



Bouchard Finlayson's geographic location, lying within five kilometres of the cool Atlantic Ocean, offers the most ideal climate of the Cape for Sauvignon Blanc.

### TASTING NOTE

Aromatic and distinctive, boasting aromas of passionfruit, lemongrass and jasmine flower. A tangy apple and poached pear character balances with the supple structure of this wine. A touch of savoury salt marks the finish. Impressive for its focus and refreshing quality. (86% Sauvignon, 14% Semillon)

### VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Moderate and mild winter weather was experienced, with average rainfall, which continued into spring and early summer. These conditions, ideal for slow and even ripening, was interrupted during the middle of December, with the arrival of some refreshing showers. January saw a continuation of dry and cool conditions, coinciding neatly with an earlier maturity of those cultivars that usually ripen first. During the third week of February, however, a massive 80mm downpour, had set the tone for the rest of the vintage. By the last day of picking, 240mm had fallen since harvest started. Rigorous selection of only ripe and healthy bunches, proved critical. Most vineyards cropped lower than the long-term average, mostly due to adverse flowering conditions.

### VINIFICATION DETAILS

Semillon, a traditional blending partner of Sauvignon blanc, fulfils vital roles in toning down racy edges and adds to ageing potential. This vintage sees the majority Semillon fermented in old oak, partially permitted to undergo malo-lactic fermentation, in order to build palate breadth and texture. A number of vineyards, mostly planted to SB11, SB316 and SB317 clones, contribute to this wine. Further aromatic complexity is gained by employing a range of yeast strains, each selected to complement a set of fermentation conditions. Bottled in June 2023.

### TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol	Residual sugar
13.1	1.6
pH	Acidity
3.34	6.6

### ATTRIBUTES

				
Origin	Variety	Malolactic Fermentation	Bottle Size	Vegetarian
South Africa	Sauvignon Blanc	Partial	75cl	Yes



Winemaker

Chris Albrecht



Fining Agent

Bentonite



Closure

Screw top



Region

Walker Bay



Vegan

Yes