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## *2006 Grassy Flat Sauvignon Blanc*

### ***Fruit***

This is the second vintage of Sauvignon Blanc from our Grassy Flat Vineyard, which is located near Penneshaw and about half a kilometre inland from the coast. At harvest time, the delightful scents of this aromatic variety were strongly evident; indicating that varietal expression was likely to be more pronounced than was achieved in our first vintage.

We attribute this increased flavour concentration to the vintage conditions we experienced in 2006, as much as to the normal development you would expect from maturing young vines. The season was typical for the island in that beneficial soaking rains fell during winter and early spring, giving good sub-soil moisture levels as the vines progressed through bud burst and flowering. Thereafter, it remained dry right up to vintage. Temperatures remained moderate, and provided relatively long and even conditions as the grapes ripened. The vineyard's proximity to the sea ensures that evening maritime breezes quickly take the sting out of any heat build-up remaining from the day.

The end result was grapes that were picked at around 13° Baume, showing excellent levels of varietal fruit character and with good acid/sugar balances.

As these young vines continue to mature, the herbaceous, grassy, gooseberry and tropical fruit characters expected of cool climate Sauvignon Blanc are expected to manifest themselves even more fully. We continue to be very excited by this variety's potential from our little corner of Kangaroo Island.



### ***Vinification***

The Sauvignon Blanc grapes were selectively handpicked into bins for the short drive to the winery at Porky Flat. As soon as the fruit arrived it was pressed and chilled immediately for settling and clarification. Only a light pressing was applied to the fruit, as it was desired to maintain freshness and crispness in the finished wine. For the same reason, the wine was given no malo-lactic fermentation or oak maturation. Our objective was to produce a bright, early drinking style that relies on fresh fruit character for its palate appeal.

### ***Description***

This Sauvignon Blanc is an excellent follow up to last year's inaugural vintage. It has a very pale straw colour and an aromatic, lightly floral, tropical-fruit nose enhanced with scents of apples and pears. Again, white pear flavours lead the palate which is clean and tight, yet showing fair length with a decidedly fresh, crisp finish. It makes for delightful enjoyment on its own, served well chilled.

### ***Technical***

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| <i>Alcohol by volume;</i>       | 12.5% v/v                        |
| <i>Varieties;</i>               | 100% Sauvignon Blanc             |
| <i>Geographical Indication;</i> | Kangaroo Island, South Australia |

