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“Australian Magic in a Bottle”

MCPHERSON RELEASES 2008 BASILISK SAUVIGNON BLANC

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One of Australia's leading producers and exporters McPherson Wines has pleasure in announcing the release of their premium 2008 Basilisk Sauvignon Blanc. Basilisk wines are named after an enchanting dual character of mystery and magic, and this wine embodies the spirit of that history.

Made from exceptional parcels of fruit from a single vineyard in the Strathbogie Ranges in Central Victoria, the fruit grows on 30 year old vines, situated at 500 metres above sea level. This cool climate environment creates small, intense berries and lighter bunch weights resulting in ripe, rich and concentrated fruit flavours.

After harvesting in March 2008, the fruit was crushed, pressed and cold stabilised before being inoculated with an exciting new yeast strain, Alchemy 1. A relatively cool ferment allowed this innovative yeast to work its magic creating fresh, clean flavours that are true expressions of this modern Australian wine.

Pale straw in colour, the wine has an intense nose of pineapple and passionfruit with subtle hints of gooseberries and citrus and a pleasant herbaceous undertone. The palate features delicious tropical fruit flavours supported by a zing of lemon and lime and a firm acid backbone. With good structure and approachable fruit flavours, this wine has great length and finish. Best enjoyed as a young, vibrant, easy drinking style, this wine is full of Australian enthusiasm. Matched with barbequed chicken or seafood, this is a sophisticated food wine to suit any occasion.

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Images available on request

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