



BASILISK

2008 SAUVIGNON BLANC

An enchanting combination of serpent and rooster, the Basilisk is a creature of folklore whose name and legend have inspired the creation of our premium wine range. This enigmatic blend of two creatures' parallels our concept of uniquely styled wines, each individually crafted by combining exceptional parcels of fruit with passionately applied winemaking techniques to create a wine true to its variety and regional origin.



VINTAGE INFORMATION

Region	Central Victoria
Varietal	100% Sauvignon Blanc
Alcohol	12.5%
Best Consumed	2008 - 2010

WINEMAKING / VITICULTURE

Fruit for the Basilisk Sauvignon Blanc was harvested from a select vineyard within the Strathbogie Ranges during March 2008. The fruit was crushed, pressed and cold settled before being inoculated with an exciting new yeast strain, Alchemy 1. The fermentation was conducted at cool temperatures ranging between 10-12C, with the fermentation period taking 3 weeks. The wine was then fined, cold stabilised and filtered before being bottled young and fresh.

HARVEST NOTES

The growing season in 2008 started very well with a cool spring and good rains vital during the growing season. Harvesting began a little earlier than usual, nevertheless small berry sizes and lighter bunch weights complimented by high sugar levels produced ripe, rich and intense flavours in the berries. By and large the fruit for the 2008 Sauvignon Blanc was of exceptional quality, flavour intensity being exceedingly apparent.

WINE DESCRIPTION

A delicate yet remarkably complex wine produced from select parcels of fruit from the cool climate Strathbogie Ranges of Central Victoria. Pale in straw colour, this wine is filled with aromas of passionfruit and pineapple with subtle hints of gooseberries and citrus. The palate displays appealing tropical fruit flavours with an underlying lemon and lime zing. With tremendous length of flavour and a long lingering finish, this is a true "food" wine which pairs well with fresh seafood and lightly grilled chicken dishes.

FOOD RECOMMENDATIONS

An intense and lively wine, the 2008 Basilisk Sauvignon Blanc is best enjoyed young. Partnered with a light chicken salad or gourmet seafood pizza, this wine lends itself enthusiastically to the start, middle or end of any meal.