

Southern Right

Southern Right Sauvignon Blanc 2024 captures the personality of its soils, combining Old World precision with a touch of New World vibrancy for a sophisticated, origin-driven style.

Sauvignon Blanc 2024

Walker Bay, South Africa



Region and Vineyards

Southern Right sources fruit primarily from **Hemel-en-Aarde (46%)**, **Walker Bay (49%)**, and **Elgin (5%)**, three of the Cape's coolest maritime-influenced regions. The close proximity to the Atlantic Ocean ensures strong coastal breezes, tempering summer heat and preserving natural acidity, while also enhancing the mineral precision of the wines.

The 2024 vintage faced challenges, including a destructive Cape storm in September that reduced yields. Nevertheless, Sauvignon Blanc thrived, producing small berries with excellent acidity. The summer was warmer than the unusually cool 2023 vintage, leading to earlier ripening. Careful vineyard selection was essential, resulting in wines of notable **tension, texture, and aromatic clarity**. Soil diversity is at the core of this cuvée: **clay-rich shale (46%)** provided structure, **granitic soils (28%)** contributed openness and perfume, and **Table Mountain sandstone (26%)** enhanced brightness and saline minerality.

Winemaking

Southern Right pursues a restrained and terroir-focused approach, ensuring that the **voice of the vineyard is not overshadowed by varietal pungency**. In 2024, **8% of the wine was matured in neutral barrels**, imparting subtle roundness without overt oak influence, while the majority was vinified in stainless steel to preserve vibrancy and precision.

The resulting balance is a hallmark of Southern Right: combining the taut minerality and length reminiscent of the **Old World** with the textural generosity of the **New World**. Alcohol remained moderate at **13.51%**, with high natural acidity (6.8 g/l) and a precise pH of 3.34, creating both freshness and complexity.

Alcohol :13,50 %

Composition: 93% Sauvignon Blanc, 7% Sémillon

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Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Pale straw with green reflections, bright and youthful.
- **Aroma:** Subtle layers of citrus zest, green apple, and white peach, lifted by saline minerality, crushed stone, and a delicate herbal edge. Understated perfume from granitic parcels adds finesse.
- **Palate:** Tense, linear and mineral-driven with vibrant acidity. Textural weight from clay-rich soils complements flavours of lime, gooseberry, and pear, unfolding into a long, salty, and finely etched finish.

Did you know?

Southern Right's identity is linked to the **Southern Right whale**, often seen in nearby Walker Bay. Every bottle contributes to whale conservation, making this Sauvignon Blanc a symbol of both **fine wine craftsmanship and ecological responsibility**.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Fresh oysters** - the saline minerality of the wine accentuates the briny freshness of shellfish.
- **Grilled sea bass** - the wine's bright acidity and subtle texture harmonise with the delicacy of the fish.
- **Goat cheese crottin** - the tangy creaminess of the cheese pairs beautifully with Sauvignon Blanc's zesty edge.
- **Thai green curry** - aromatic herbs and spice resonate with the wine's herbal lift and textural depth.

91 Tim Atkin

Tim Atkin (TA) : 91 Points (2024)

Sourced from 28 different vineyard blocks, this is a cut above most commercial Cape Sauvignon Blancs. Wet stone and struck match aromas are a perfumed introduction to a palate of passion fruit and lemongrass embellished by subtle oak spices and racy acidity. 2025-28

90 vinous

Vinous (Antonio Galloni) (VN) : 90 Points (2024)

The 2024 Sauvignon Blanc comes from the clayey Cape Coast, plus granitic soils in Elgin, matured 8% in used oak and the rest in stainless steel. It has a well-defined bouquet with grapefruit, nettle, dandelion and subtle earthy scents. The palate is well balanced, crisp and linear, with fine delineation. Quite an elegant Sauvignon Blanc, it boasts a precise, sapid finish that urges you back for more. This is very well made and very delicious.

91 James Suckling

James Suckling (JS) : 91 Points (2023)

Gentle chopped herb (think tarragon) and snow pea aromas on the nose with sliced fresh pears and grapefruit. Wonderfully fresh and zesty, medium-bodied, with a clean and lightly salty finish.