

THE BROKEN FISHPLATE



Sauvignon Blanc 2025

Adelaide Hills, Sauvignon Blanc (100%)

The Name

Despite being a good match for fish, the name has nothing to do with them! A fishplate is a term for the nylon plates that collect grape bunches on a harvester, and often break when navigating around the steep, windy vineyards.

The Vintage

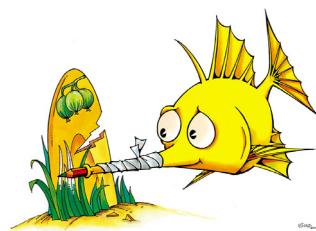
Every month was a few degrees warmer than average right from August to April. A small amount of frost reduced yields in some places. Rainfall was considerably down which meant disease pressure was low. The dry warm season has had a significant impact on grape yields in some vineyards in McLaren Vale this year, however many of our vineyards had very good yields. Fortunately with there being marginal heat spikes the leaves and grapes didn't suffer negative quality impacts. Whites are very characterful, which particularly suits Rhone whites and Fiano. Other whites still look good. Another high quality Riesling year with no sunburn. Red wine styles show a big change from the last 4, elegant, cool years. They are outstanding. Very dark and concentrated with lovely fruit characters and length.

The Winemaking

The fruit for this wine is sourced from the cool climate Adelaide Hills. Small batches of grapes are gently crushed, chilled, and then transferred to stainless steel basket presses. Gentle extraction of the juice is critical in these early stages to retain the delicate fruit characters. To add complexity and mouthfeel, a small percentage of the wine is partially fermented in aged French oak for two to three weeks.

The Characteristics

Bright pale straw in colour. Loud aromas of gooseberries and guava with a hint of cut grass. Juicy tropical fruits burst out of the glass, along side of a balanced crunchy acid and creamy texture make this wine not only totally delicious, but also highly complex. An exciting example which delivers a real punch of flavour!



Harvest dates	28 Feb - 7 Mar
Residual sugar	2.7 g/l
pH	3.3
Senior Winemaker	Jack Walton

Alcohol	13%
Titratable acid	6
Chief Winemaker	Chester Osborn