

THE BROKEN FISHPLATE

Sauvignon Blanc 2026

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

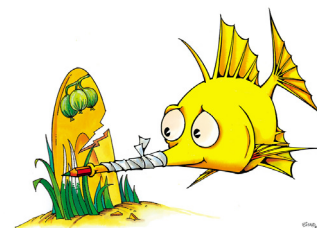
Winter rainfall was above average, with a particularly wet November delivering 121mm of rain, though unusually cool spring temperatures delayed flowering and fruit set in Chardonnay and Shiraz. Most other varieties produced average yields. A dry summer, interrupted by small March rainfall events, was followed by favourable ripening conditions aside from one extreme heat day that caused varying levels of sunburn. Harvest began three and a half weeks later than the previous year. White wines show excellent varietal character, while the reds are slightly less rich than last year but display outstanding varietal expression. Shiraz is the standout, Cabernet is very strong, and Grenache ranges from powerful to more elegant. Overall, the vintage is shaping up to be of exceptional quality.

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

Vibrant aromas of Granny Smith apple and gooseberry, with a subtle hint of fresh grassiness. The lively, generous palate is filled with ripe melon, crisp apple, and Fuji pear. A tight, driving line of acidity provides energy and length, while a touch of texture adds complexity. A lovely example, showing purity, elegance, and freshness.



Harvest dates	27 Mar - 13 Apr	Alcohol	11.5%
Residual sugar	4.5 g/l	Titrateable acid	6.6
pH	3.22	Chief Winemaker	Chester Osborn
Senior Winemaker	Jack Walton		