



FONTY'S POOL WINES 2008 SAUVIGNON BLANC SEMILLON

REGION

Pemberton is the coolest wine region in Western Australia, principally due to its elevation above sea level and its close proximity to Great Southern and Indian Oceans. This is the key factor which differentiates Pemberton from other Western Australian wine regions, giving the dual benefits of true vine dormancy and a long ripening period. This region also receives one of the purest water supplies in the world.

WINERY

Fonty's Pool Wines was first established in 1989 with further vineyards planted in 1991, 1996 and 1998 to reach a total of 110 hectares. The total property dimension is 330 hectares and besides grapes, produces avocados (4,000 trees) and truffles. There is also a water storage lake on the property that is over a kilometre long and holds over one million litres of water.

TECHNICAL NOTES

The Sauvignon Blanc was sourced from two blocks; Chinaman's planted in 1989 and Valda's grafted over in 2003 and is grown on fertile karri loams and ironstone gravelly loams associated with the native marri and jarrah eucalypts. The Semillon, planted in 1991, is grown on the more common and fertile karri loams that promote a more vigorous canopy. The yields were again a little lower than expected however the quality of fruit harvested produced white wines with delicacy and finesse. The final blend is 50% Sauvignon Blanc and 45% Semillon with 5% Chardonnay. Analysis: 12% alcohol v/v, pH 3.30, 7.5 g/L acid, CO₂ 1.0 g/L

TASTING NOTES

Delicate aromas of citrus blossom and freshly cut herbs. It has pure-fruit impact, crisp acidity and bright quenching flavours of lime and lemon, finishing with a sense of savouriness. Refined, succulent, fresh and clean, it will reward immediate consumption.

REVIEWS

90 points "The grassy, peppermint and capsicum aromas are fresh and inviting while the palate is very delicate, refined and seamlessly textured, with spritely acidity but also softness. A subtle but captivating style"
– Huon Hooke, *Australian Gourmet Traveller*, March 2009

★★★★ "This blend opens with citrus and juicy tropical fruit aromas with an edge of cut grass. In the mouth it's clean and intense with zippy fresh flavour and balance, light and fresh. Very good wine of real style and personality."
– *The Melbourne Age*, November 2008