

2010 The Road Less Travelled Woodside Sauvignon Blanc



The Road Less Travelled is a unique expression of Sauvignon Blanc.

Sourced from a single vineyard at Woodside in the Adelaide Hills, this wine is intended to be less about sweet varietal fruit and more about texture, structure and length.

In fact this wine is more about non conformity, not only with respect to wine style (James Halliday described this wine in his 2011 Wine Companion 'If you don't like Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc, this may be the wine for you') but also about life in general. I encourage you to read about the real inspiration behind The Road Less Travelled on my website.

<http://aretewines.com.au/2009/09/the-inspiration-behind-the-road-less-travelled/>

The wine is composed of 3 distinct parcels.

All parcels were basket pressed, allowing gentle oxidation of juice, and minimising the requirement for fining. All ferments occurred in seasoned French oak.

Of the free run fraction of juice, 20% was run directly into seasoned French oak barrels for wild fermentation.

Another fraction (about 40%) was roughly settled overnight, racked, inoculated with a 'different' yeast strain then transferred to French oak for fermentation.

The last component was crushed directly into an open fermenter for fermentation on skins. Once the ferment reached approx 6Be the wine was basket pressed to wood.

Post fermentation, the wines were aged in oak sur lie with weekly battonage to encourage further textural development. Some barrels underwent partial malolactic fermentation. Following 5 months barrel aging, the wine was racked, filtered and bottled.

Tasting Note

The nose is a complex array of intense floral grapefruit and dried bay leaf/oregano varietal character complemented by yeast derived arrowroot biscuit nuttiness.

The palate is mouthfilling and textured, with complex, mealy barrel ferment/lees character and delicate grapefruit and bay leaf fruit flavours. Mineral acid provides a structural line to this wine, finishing with subtle oak.

This wine is best served cool, and consumed young.

Wine Analysis Alc % 12.3% • pH 3.31 • TA 7.0 g/L • rs 0.3 g/L

Vineyard Coordinates - 34°58'8.64"S 138°54'3.49"E 350 cases produced



Developed Characters Pty Ltd

Mobile. 0418 296 969

1 Banyan Court

Greenwith SA 5125

www.aretewines.com.au