



TECHNICAL DATA

The Adelaide Hills is clearly the leading region for Sauvignon Blanc in Australia. Shaw + Smith has been made since 1990 and is a benchmark for the style.

Vineyards

Sourced from selected sites throughout the Adelaide Hills with over 50% from our own vineyards at Woodside and Balhannah.

- Generally soil structures in the region are shallow red/brown loam over schist and clay
- High density vine plantings – average 2700 vines per hectare
- Cane Pruned and vertical shoot positioned canopies
- Hand picked

Vintage 2005

A cool dry summer followed by a long dry Autumn. Despite coolish weather, harvest began around 5 days earlier than normal. Crop levels were average for Sauvignon Blanc. Great flavour and acidity throughout all whites. 2005 was an excellent vintage.

Winemaking

Whole bunches are crushed, chilled and pressed then undergo fermentation in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks.

Does not undergo any malolactic fermentation as we are looking to retain fruit purity and natural acidity.

Alcohol: 13%
Residual Sugar: 2.8 g/l
Total Acidity: 7.2 g/l
pH: 3.16

Wine style

A benchmark for Australian Sauvignon Blanc.

Made from 100% Adelaide Hills grapes, the wine is unwooded to maximize varietal punch. The aroma has restrained sauvignon grassiness coupled with riper fruit characters. The palate is fresh and lively with pure varietal flavours and crisp acidity.

Best drunk young.

Vinified and bottled at the Shaw + Smith winery.



WINE REVIEWS

JAMES HALLIDAY

Australian Wine Companion 2007

95 points

"Ultra-pure and refined wine; intense but elegant palate, with tangy, lemony acidity, and a lingering, dry finish."

TIM WHITE

Australian Financial Review, December 2005

Must Have Wine Dozen

"This just gets better and better... This wine will be perfect for summer."
94 points

JAMES HALLIDAY

TOP 101, The Australian, November 2005

"Punchy, aromatic, gooseberry, green apple and passionfruit aromas and flavours permeate a bright, breezy and deliciously crisp wine."
95 points

RALPH KYTE-POWELL

The Age, October 2005

"The Adelaide Hills flagship Sauvignon Blanc has never been better than in '05." ★★★★★

HUON HOOKE AND RALPH KYTE-POWELL

The Penguin Good Australian Wine Guide 2005/2006

"... the one to show those cocky Kiwis who think we can't make a good sauv blanc in Oz. Since the initial 1989 vintage, it's invariably been excellent."

MAX ALLEN

The Weekend Australian Magazine, September 2005

"Full of typical passionfruit, green pea and cut-grass flavours, it's deliciously juicy and tingly in the mouth."

WINE SPECTATOR

September 2006

90 points

"Bright and juicy with a sense of refinement to the otherwise lively lime, pear and delicate herb flavours that linger nicely."

INTERNATIONAL WINE CELLAR – TANZER

90 points

SARAH JANE EVANS

BBC Food Guide (UK)

"Shut your eyes and sip. Can this elegant sauvignon really come from Australia? Yes!."

WINE AND SPIRITS, (USA)

91 points

"Martin Shaw consistently makes what well may be the best sauvignon blanc in Australia, grown at estate vineyards in the Adelaide Hills."

MATT SKINNER

The Juice 2006: 100 Wines You Should be Drinking

"This is easily the best Sauvignon Blanc in Australia and takes its quality right up to the best their neighbours across the pond (NZ) have to offer."