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## SAUVIGNON BLANC & BLENDS

**S**auvignon blanc is very much a vineyard wine. Success or failure depends on achieving optimal ripeness while retaining acidity. If the producer opts for low level sweetness in the wine, it must be balanced by acid. The top four wines succeed in all respects.

**Medallion Winner 2017 Abbey Creek Vineyard Porongurup Sauvignon Blanc** Freshness and varietal character are the key elements here. The aromas and flavours are grassy but ripe, and the palate features fresh acidity to back up the impressive intensity. (\$24.00 – 2016 currently available) ★★★★★  
<http://www.abbeycreek.com.au/ourwines.html>

**2017 Pike and Joyce Descente Adelaide Hills Sauvignon Blanc** Strongly varietal, with vibrant gooseberry and nettle characteristics. Lifted by a mouth-watering acid finish. Very difficult to split the top two wines. (\$26.00) ★★★★★  
<https://www.pikeandjoyce.com.au/our-wines/sauvignon-blanc.html>

**2017 Printhe Mountain Range Sauvignon Blanc** A racy, focused sauvignon blanc featuring regional Orange acidity, with grassy, but not green, aromas and flavours. (\$20.00) ★★★★★  
<https://www.printhewines.com.au/shop/mountain-range>

**2017 Wicks Estate Adelaide Hills Sauvignon Blanc** There's plenty of gooseberry varietal flavour here, with an attractively dry, crisp acid finish. Good drinking. (\$20.00) ★★★★★  
<http://www.summerhillwineshop.com.au/wines/2017-wicks-estate-adelaide-hills-sauvignon-blanc>

**2017 Mandoon Estate Margaret River Sauvignon Blanc** Shows some slightly sweaty thiol overtones, but is packed with varietal flavour and is still fresh. ★★★★★

**2017 Sidewood Adelaide Hills Sauvignon Blanc** Although there's a hint of shaded canopy greenness, this wine still delivers considerable flavour and freshness. ★★★★★

**2016 Watershed Senses Margaret River Sauvignon Blanc** Varietal, but a little too sweet. ★★★★★

**2017 Lobethal Road Adelaide Hills Sauvignon Blanc** Quite green, and sweet as well. ★★★

**2017 Karribindi Semillon Sauvignon Blanc** Quite green, and comparatively advanced. ★★

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