2022 Championship – Sauvignon Blanc & Blends

There seems to be no middle ground with sauvignon blanc or semillon-sauvignon blanc blends. Many wine drinkers don't enjoy the grassy varietal characteristics, and even some of those who make sauvignon blanc aren't fans. We are committed to fair judging and do our best to not allow personal biases to influence our decisions. Ripeness, intensity of flavour, balance and dryness are key quality factors in our view. Green, lean, obviously sweet, and/or tart wines are not what we seek.

2021 Riposte The Foil Adelaide Hills Sauvignon Blanc A rich, ripe, gooseberry-scented example that is intense, creamy-textured and acid-fresh. What more could you want? ($22.00) ★★★★☆
https://ripostewines.com.au/products/the-foil-sauvignon-blanc-2021-6pk

2021 A.C Byrne & Co. Margaret River Sauvignon Blanc Semillon An impressive gooseberry/lime style that is rich and textural, with excellent acid support. Remarkable value from Aldi. ($9.00) ★★★★☆
https://www.aldi.com.au/en/groceries/liquor/wine/wine-detail/ps/p/ac-byrne-co-margaret-river-sauvignon-blanc-semillo/

2021 Wicks Estate Adelaide Hills Sauvignon Blanc This is a wine of considerable richness and gooseberry varietal character. Racy acidity lifts the finish. ($20.00) ★★★★☆
https://wicksestate.com.au/products/2021-estate-sauvignon-blanc

2021 Printhie Mountain Range Orange Sauvignon Blanc Prepare yourself for a big hit of gooseberry/grass/tropical fruit aromas and flavours. Cleansing acidity provides appropriate balance. ($24.00) ★★★★☆
https://printhiewines.com.au/shop/white-wine/mountain-range-sauvignon-blanc/

2021 Nikola Estate Western Australia Semillon Sauvignon Blanc A full, rich, gooseberry style with some pineapple/tropical fruit overtones. Fresh drinking now. (425.00) ★★★★
https://nikolaestate.withwine.com/wine/estate-semillon-sauvignon-blanc/19026

2021 Scarpantoni Estate McLaren Vale Sauvignon Blanc Gooseberry with a hint of green pea sprout. It's faintly sweet but delivers plenty of flavour. ($14.00) ★★★★
https://www.scarpantoniwines.com/2020-mclaren-vale-sauvignon-blanc-dozen

2021 Q1908 The Clubhouse Adelaide Hills Sauvignon Blanc Gooseberry aromas plus a hint of tinned tropical fruit. Decent fruit weight weight and acidity. ($25.00) ★★★★
https://threekingswinemerchants.com.au/products/q-1908-the-clubhouse-adelaide-hills-sauvignon-blanc

2021 Mount Avoca Estate Organic Pyrenees Sauvignon Blanc Fresh, ripe gooseberry/grassy aromatics. Good weight, with just enough acidity. Faintly sweet. ($26.00) ★★★★
https://mountavoca.com/products/estate-2021-sauvignon-blanc

2021 Oxford Landing Sauvignon Blanc Slightly plain nose but has grassy varietal aromatics. The palate is better, offering ripe gooseberry flavour and fresh acidity. Good value. ($11.00) ★★★★
https://www.summerhillwineshop.com.au/product/2021-oxford-landing-estates-sauvignon-blanc-south-australia/

2020 Xanadu DJL Margaret River Sauvignon Blanc Semillon Ripe gooseberry aromas with a touch of oak and lees. Full flavoured, satisfying and ready. ($25.00) ★★★★
https://langtons.com.au/product/68175/1/2020?basket=103871

2021 Sidewood Estate Adelaide Hills Sauvignon Blanc ★★★☆

2021 Xanadu Circa 77 Sauvignon Blanc Semillon ★★★

2021 Heirloom Vineyards Adelaide Hills Sauvignon Blanc ★★★

2021 Kosciuszko Tumbarumba Sauvignon Blanc ★★☆

2019 Highland Heritage Orange Sauvignon Blanc ★★☆

2021 Hungerford Hill Tumbarumba Sauvignon Blanc ★★

2020 Sidewood Estate Mappinga Fumé Blanc ★★

PREVIOUS WINEWISE CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

2019 Saint and Scholar Adelaide Hills Sauvignon Blanc

2019 Lenton Brae Margaret River Semillon Sauvignon Blanc

2018 Bird in Hand Adelaide Hills Sauvignon Blanc

2017 Abbey Creek Vineyard Porongurup Sauvignon Blanc

2016 Watershed Shades Margaret River Sauvignon Blanc Semillon

2015 Josef Chromy Fumé Blanc

2014 Deep Woods Estate Ivory Margaret R Semillon Sauvignon Blanc

2013 Jarretts of Orange Sauvignon Blanc

2013 Next of Kin Margaret River Sauvignon Blanc Semillon

2012 Shaw + Smith Adelaide Hills Sauvignon Blanc

2011 Warner Glen Estate PBF Sauvignon Blanc Semillon

2011 Watershed Margaret River Sauvignon Blanc

2010 Wicks Estate Adelaide Hills Sauvignon Blanc

We acknowledge that a sauvignon blanc that was awarded a gold medal in July 2021 may have lost its edge by March 2022, but the best examples have more staying power than that.

The top two wines represent what are probably the top two Australian regions for sauvignon blanc with distinction.

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