## Waterford Elgin Sauvignon Blanc 2020

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Cultivars: 100% Sauvignon Blanc

Region: Elgin

Quantity: 8 600 cases
Wine Analysis: Alc 12.85 %

**RS** 2.43 g/L **TA** 7.05 g/L **pH** 3.32

#### **TASTING NOTE**

A strict selection of Elgin's best quality vineyards and wine batches. A very focused style of Sauvignon blanc showing fresh grapefruit, granadilla and green apple fruit, with underlying chalk and slate notes confirming the Elgin origin of the grapes. The palate is finely textured with crisp fruit, fresh natural acidity, and a deceptively long finish of flavours. A wine showing the true expression of Elgin terroir on Sauvignon blanc.

### **VINEYARD**

Sourced from a single producer in Elgin, 6 different blocks of Sauvignon Blanc are used to create various number of batches of wine to select from for the blend.

#### **VINTAGE REVIEW 2020**

Good winter rains but still below the normal average. Odd warm days during winter but some snowfall during late winter / early spring along with some rain helped dam levels rise. These conditions also prepped for good, even budding to start the growing season.

Mid-growing season a little challenging with odds rain showers driving up humidity and disease pressure. With good growing conditions, came along a large quantity of bunches which required the team to do excessive bunch thinning and yield control measures, which gave us a great opportunity to really select the best bunches available to ripen. A week before the harvest was to commence, the vineyards had to experience howling winds reaching up to 110km/h causing a lot of physical damage.



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During ripening the odd heat wave was experienced but overall lovely warm days and coolish nights allowed for perfect ripening and earlier picking dates. This resulting in lovely fresh, flavoured and rich wines with relatively low alcohol levels.

#### PAIRING SUGGESTIONS

Cheese (especially goat's cheese), green vegetables (asparagus, zucchini, fresh peas, artichokes), oysters and delicate fish like sole.

#### **WINE FACTS**

Cool climate with more chalky soils to add texture and salinity to the Sauvignon Blanc.

