

## El Desperado

2017 Sauvignon Blanc

Our first ever Vintage of El Desperado was 2011, and will always be known in Australian wine history as the vintage from hell, as many vineyards succumb to the wet summer. For the Pawn, we sacrificed making our full range of wines that year to create a brand new style wine. Although we did not set out to make the El Desperado before that vintage, when you taste this wine, by hell you will be glad we did.

In fact Vintage 2017 was almost another vintage from hell, with early rain. However mother nature smiled on us and we had cooler than average dry ripening all the way and will go down in history as one of our coolest, longest ever.

This Sauvignon Blanc is made from grapes sourced from our Adelaide Hills vineyard. It erupts with aromas of lush ripe passion fruit, citrus & stone fruits on the nose. The palate shows moist grapefruits, lime pie and lychees with a long textured finish and a delicate mineral edge.

**Variety trivia** – With this wine we do not want to play in the herbal, grassy cat-pee style sandpit, 'I've just mowed the lawn', cat-pee on a gooseberry bush, sweaty man's armpit style, rather we have made a wine with a balanced palate exhibiting a strong varietal style with fresh restrained acidity and that inimitable Adelaide Hills elegance.

**Chess Trivia** - In chess, El Desperado is a doomed pawn that seems determined to give itself up to bring about a stalemate when captured, a pawn that is as good as dead and so sets out to do as much damage as possible.

**Label Trivia** - For your drinking pleasure, when the Daisy on the label changes to reveal the skull (16°), it indicates the wine will need to be put on ice or back in the fridge.

**Goes best with** – Hot Days, warm nights, cool music and a gentle breeze

**Harvest Date** – March 3rd 2017, 5 AM

**Vineyard Location** – Macclesfield, Adelaide Hills, South Australia, -35.186149, 138.815208

**Harvest Weight** – 8.1 tonnes/hectare

**Clonal Material** – F4V6

**Alcohol** – 12.8%

**pH** – 3.23

**T.A.** – 6.04



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