

EL DESPERADO by THE PAWN WINE Cº

2021 Sauvignon Blanc

My 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 suc-cumb to the wet summer. At the Pawn, I sacrificed making my full range of wines that year to create a brand new style of wines. A Pawn, desperate to stay in the game, willing to sacrifice everything and create something new. Wines with lower in Alcohol, brighter in fruit expression, and minimal human intervention. Although I did not set out to make ***El Desperado*** before that vintage, when you taste the wines, by hell you will be glad I did. TK

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 lychee's 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.

Goes best with – Seafood Platter with freshly cooked prawns and seared scallops in Pernod and tarragon butter, Hot Days, warm nights, cool music and a gentle breeze

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

Harvest Date – March 9th, 2021, 5 AM

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

Harvest Weight – 6 tonnes/hectare

Clonal Material – F4V6

Alcohol – 13.0 %

pH – 3.15

T.A. – 6.0

Release Date - 1st August 2021