

## 2009 The Road Less Travelled Woodside Sauvignon Blanc



The Road Less Travelled is a unique expression of Sauvignon Blanc. Sourced from a single vineyard at Woodside in the Adelaide Hills, this wine is intended to be less about sweet varietal fruit and more about texture, structure and length. Call it a more sophisticated, savory style of wine.

The wine is composed of 3 distinct parcels of fruit.

All parcels were basket pressed, allowing gentle oxidation of juice, and minimising the requirement for fining. The juice was roughly settled overnight and all ferments occurred in seasoned French oak.

The first parcel was harvested early (10.5Be) but with an amazingly linear acid backbone. It was inoculated with a 'different' strain of yeast, one which is more typically intended for dry red wines. This wine looked positively terrible in ferment, however developed incredible mouthfeel and texture with time on lees. (real Cinderella story here, this was the favourite parcel in the end!)

The second parcel was harvested at 11.5Be and was wild fermented.

The last component was harvested at 11.8Be and inoculated with an aromatic yeast for fermentation.

Post fermentation, the wines were aged in oak sur lie with weekly battonage to encourage further textural development. Some barrels underwent partial malolactic fermentation. Following 6 months barrel aging, the wine was racked, filtered and bottled without any fining.

### Tasting Note

Pale straw with some green tints

The nose is a complex array of guava, paw paw, and dried oregano overlaid with subtle nutty/almond meal and cut hay character on the nose.

The palate is mouthfilling and textured, with complex, mealy barrel ferment/lees character and guava fruit flavours. Tight, mineral acid provides a long structural line to this wine, finishing with subtle oak.

This wine is best served cool, and consumed within 2 years of vintage.

### Wine analysis

Alc %	12.4%
pH	3.19
TA	7.6 g/L
rs	0.2 g/L

Vineyard Coordinates - 34°58'8.64"S 138°54'3.49"E

200 cases produced



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