

# SANDHILL



## SAUVIGNON BLANC 2008

SANDHILL ESTATE VINEYARD

### GROWING CONDITIONS

The 2008 growing season began nearly three weeks later than normal and the cooler than average temperatures resulted in delayed budding and flowering of the vines. Summer also arrived late but brought with it warmer temperatures and longer hours of sunlight required for further fruit development.

With autumn arriving earlier than expected, grapes were left hanging longer than usual in order to allow for further fruit ripening. Precipitation was normal and did not interfere with harvest which began in mid-September and extended into November. With fewer berries per cluster, 2008 resulted in a juicy harvest and superior quality wines.

### WINEMAKING

- Hand harvested on September 15, 2008
- Whole cluster pressed with minimal skin contact
- Special selected yeast used to enhance varietal characteristics
- Stainless steel fermentation

### FLAVOUR PROFILE

- Straw yellow colour with fruit-forward bouquet of melon, kiwi and pink grapefruit wrapped around classic herbal notes
- Light to medium-bodied wine with refreshing acidity and flavours of gooseberry, kiwi, tropical fruit and sweet citrus
- Clean, crisp finish shows grassy, herbal and white currant notes
- Pairs well with bruschetta topped with fresh garden tomatoes and crumbled goat cheese, light summer salads and halibut with a corn, cucumber and tomato relish.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

*"The cool conditions of late summer and early fall gave us a flavourful grape with low pH and fruity acids. Careful quality oriented pressing and warm fermentation helped develop this zingy, vibrant wine. Bottling this wine under screwcap just 3 months after harvest captured the vibrant freshness that is the mark of excellent Sauvignon Blanc from the Sandhill Estate Vineyard"*

- Howard Soon, Winemaker



### WINE ANALYSIS

Alcohol	13%
Dryness Code	0
Sugar	0g/litre
TA	7.3g/litre

Release Date	January 6, 2009
Cases Produced	1300
CSPC	587048
PID	1044421

BC Retail \$17.99

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1000-1200 WEST 73RD AVENUE VANCOUVER, BC CANADA V6P 6G5 T 604-267-9463 F 604-264-6810

VQA OKANAGAN VALLEY VQA