



# SANDHILL

## SAUVIGNON BLANC 2009

SANDHILL ESTATE VINEYARD



### GROWING CONDITIONS

The 2009 growing season arrived late as the cold temperatures of a long winter seemed to drag on, much like 2008; the cold temperatures resulted in some reduced crops. However, unlike the 2008 vintage, the vines did catch up so that by early summer, vine development was at its normal stages. Summer was extremely hot and dry, which quickly advanced the ripeness of the slightly smaller than usual crop load, foretelling an early quick crush.

On Thanksgiving weekend, temperatures dropped to about -9°C in the South Okanagan, halting any further ripening of the grapes. However, at this point all our grapes were essentially ripened and ready to pick.

We have some great white wines and the reds are excellent, especially with the reduced crop; wines are rich and intense, yet smooth.

### WINEMAKING

- Hand-harvested on September 15, 2009
- Whole cluster pressed with minimal skin contact
- Special selected yeast used to enhance varietal characteristics
- Stainless steel fermentation

### FLAVOUR PROFILE

- Clear and bright with a fruit-forward aroma of gooseberry, ripe pear, apricot and lemon drops wrapped around classic herbal notes.
- A light to medium-bodied wine with refreshing acidity and flavours of green apple, lemon, gooseberry and new spring grass.
- Zippy, refreshing notes of green apple, lemon, lime and tangerine linger on the finish.
- Pairs well with bruschetta topped with fresh garden tomatoes, basil and crumbled goat cheese, light summer salads, cool refreshing gazpacho, basil pesto on pasta or chicken, and halibut with a corn, cucumber and tomato relish.

### WINE ANALYSIS

Alcohol	12%	Release Date	February 2010
Dryness Code	0	Cases Produced	601
Sugar	0 g/litre	CSPC#	587048
TA	7.1 g/litre	PID#	1059082
Cellaring	Enjoy now	BC Retail	\$18.99

### WINEMAKER NOTES

*“Careful quality oriented pressing and warm fermentation helped develop this zingy, vibrant wine. Bottling this wine under screw cap 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*

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1125 RICHTER STREET KELOWNA, BC CANADA V1Y 2K6 T250-762-3332 F250-762-2999  
1000-1200 WEST 73<sup>RD</sup> AVENUE VANCOUVER, BC CANADA V6P 6G5 T604-267-9463 F604-264-6810  
VQA OKANAGAN VALLEY VQA