



2006 PRETTY SALLY ESTATE SAUVIGNON BLANC

Varietal:	<i>100% Sauvignon Blanc</i>	Alcohol:	<i>14%</i>
Vintage:	<i>April 2006</i>	pH:	<i>3.25</i>
Vineyard:	<i>Pretty Sally Vineyard</i>	Total Acidity:	<i>5.4 g/l</i>
Region:	<i>Central Victoria, Australia</i>	Brix:	<i>26.5</i>
Production:	<i>430 cases</i>	Fermentation:	<i>Stainless steel</i>
Trellis:	<i>VSP, Spacing 1.5mt by 3mt</i>		
Clone:	<i>H5V10</i>		
Pruning:	<i>2.1 tons/acre</i>		
Soil Type:	<i>Rocky fragments, sandy clay loam</i>		
Winemaker:	<i>John Ellis</i>		
Release date:	<i>September, 2006</i>		

Vintage Description

2005 to 2006 was a good year in Pretty Sally. Rains leading up to budburst were plentiful and the vines were all active by October. Water was key this year, and the reservoirs came to our aid. The vines did well, but yields were down due to the heat. Bird eradication had to be started early as the fruit was maturing quickly. Fun for Paul as this meant that he got to fly the model airplanes into the Starlings for a longer time! Overall, Harvest was early due to the heat. The fruit was in splendid shape due to the plentiful water, and the great temperature swings in the evenings... but the daytime temperature was tough on the pickers.

Winemaking

The wine was fermented in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks. Fermentation was done to dryness with no malolactic fermentation. There was no use of oak as our aim is to allow this exceptional fruit to show off its purest and fullest expression.

Tasting Notes

A very clean, intense Sancerre-style Sauvignon: fruit forward and crisp. Nose is intense with melon, pear, apple, lychee, and passion fruit. Palate is complex and crisp, yet viscous. Finish is beautifully long and intriguing.

About Pretty Sally

Pretty Sally was established in 1996 and is owned and operated by Rosalie & Dan Cornew, Neil McKay, and Jim & Marie Davies. The vineyard is located 40 miles north of Melbourne in Central Victoria, Australia's original winemaking region and site of the 1860s gold rush. Bordering the famous Pretty Sally Hills, the estate consists of 450-acres, 110 of which are currently planted to vines. Maritime breezes and moderate elevation (1100 feet) make this a temperate site with a long growing season. Holistic vineyard management practices are utilized to complement the indigenous biodiversity. The yields are kept low at under 3 tons/acre to encourage intensity and character.