



2009 STICKYBEAK SEMILLON SAUVIGNON BLANC

Review Summary



91 pts/Excellent/Highly Recommended/Great Value

Ultimate Wine Challenge 2011

89 pts “This blend of 72% Semillon and 28% Sauvignon Blanc was fermented and matured only in stainless steel. The result is a very pale straw color, bright forward spice and low intensity herbal aromas, crisp acidity, ripe figs, citrus rind and 13.5% alcohol. The finish is dry and packed with fruit.”

Gerald D. Boyd
June 14, 2011

89 pts “Pale golden, this Sauvignon Blanc will wake you up with the crisp and lively aromas on the nose. There is a lot of citrus notes of lime, lemon and tangerine alongside fresh cut grass and a sweet spicy powerful punch that is packed in there too. The flavors fall right in line with the aromas and if chilled well, this delicious wine will pair well with cheese or baked fish.”

Jeff Lawson
MidwestWineGuy.com Blog
March 17, 2011

88 pts “This pale yellow colored white blend from Sonoma County is a very good. It opens with a fragrant and attractive pear bouquet with a hint of apricot and bubblegum. On the palate, this wine is medium bodied, balanced, and slightly viscous. The flavor profile is a mineral infused Anjou pear with notes of mild lime. The finish is dry and rather refreshing. This wine would pair well with steamed mussels in a white wine broth. I would even use this in the dish. Enjoy.”

Ken Hoggins
KensWineGuide.com
August 13, 2011

88 pts “Crisp, zingy acidity and dryness make this wine instantly appealing. It’s so bright and clean, but quite rich in peach, pear, lime and lemongrass flavors. A great cocktail sipper, or with Asian food.”

Steve Heimoff
Wine Enthusiast
August 2011



88 pts “Pale gold. High-pitched aromas of pear, green apple, lemon zest and honeysuckle. Surprisingly supple on the palate, with juicy flavors of fresh pineapple and orchard fruits. The nicely persistent finish shows spice and bee pollen notes and good closing cut.”

Josh Raynolds
Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
May/June 2011

VERY HIGHLY RECOMMENDED “Here is what happens to a fine SBS when it gets a bit of age. Still complex and enticing, with a bit more richness and softness than the above wine.”

Dan Berger
Dan Berger’s Vintage Experiences
July 19, 2012

VERY GOOD+ “. . . the wine I enjoyed most was the Stickybeak Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2009 that’s clean and fresh and intensely floral. Notes of apple and grapefruit, spicy pear and a bit of fig waft from the glass in a welter of lime peel, jasmine and honeysuckle; yes, it’s as irresistible as it sounds. Hints of new-mown grass and dried thyme and tarragon overlay flavors of lemon curd and roasted lemon, a further dollop of leafy fig, all swathed in a jazzed texture of crystalline acidity and a dry, chalky, limestone-washed finish. Super attractive and exhilarating. 13.5 percent alcohol.”

Fredric Koepfel
Bigger Than Your Head Blog
April 13, 2011

“The 2009 Stickybeak Semillion is a white blend that is a bit softer than a traditional Sauvignon Blanc, with more emphasis on fruit than finish. The fragrant nose features scents of tropical fruit and lemon/lime that also show up on the palate where they are joined by flavors of honeydew melon and peach. The wine has a nice balance between acidity and fruit with a slightly softer finish featuring lingering notes of citrus and minerals. I think it would go well with yellowtail.”

Scott Greenberg
The Washington Examiner
June 2, 2011