

## SAVAGE SALT RIVER SAUVIGNON BLANC

100% Sauvignon Blanc (32 years old.) Orange blossom, grapefruit, yellow apples and peaches with lovely mineral tension and a fresh saline finish. Complex, elegant, intense and textured. While Salt River Sauvignon Blanc will age beautifully in bottle over the next few years, the idea is to pull the cork and enjoy. Perfect as an aperitif. Pair with goat cheese, seafood and fresh salads.

In 2019 Duncan Savage happened to stumble upon a 32-year-old block of bush vine Sauvignon Blanc in Stellenbosch. The elevation, wind and vine age all pointed in the right direction and after a bit of experimentation, Salt River Sauvignon Blanc was born. Salt River is in the heart of the city of Cape Town, reminiscent of Shoreditch in London a few years back. It also happens to be the home of Savage Wines. Fermented in a combination of stainless steel tanks, concrete eggs and old barrels. The wine spends four months in these vessels before being bottled, followed by a further two months in bottle prior to release.

Duncan Savage, previously the winemaker at Cape Point Vineyards, introduced his own label in 2011 with a goal to produce rock-solid, classic and elegant wines. Through his time at Cape Point, Duncan grew to understand maritime vineyards, which led him to source grapes for Savage wines from maritime and high-altitude sites around the Western Cape. These small, hand-selected parcels receive a lot of love and attention throughout the growing season. Each vineyard's unique terroir contributes in its own special way to the blends. Savage wines are inspired by the great older reds from South Africa and abroad that have stood the test of time, and are made with gentle extraction, minimal intervention, and moderate alcohol.

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## Tasting Note:

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