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'lady a' sauvignon blanc 2020



LEGEND
AUSTRALIAN WINE IMPORTS

Winemaker: Conor Van Der Reest

Grape(s): 91% Sauvignon Blanc, 9% Semillon

GI: Tasmania

Site(s): Stoney Vineyard, Coal River Valley

Vintage notes: As a season, 2020 was difficult in nearly every aspect. A hot, dry spring after a dry previous season meant growth was very limited. Fruit set wasn't ideal and a cool shift in February—along with rain—meant that what little fruit was on the vines ripened very slowly. While this was good for flavor and intensity in the wines, it meant a very long vintage extending out to late May. Yields ranged down 30% to down 85%.

Vineyard notes: This is cool-climate wine country. Ancient soil and champagne air. A temperate maritime climate and long hours of sunshine, even over the long cool season. Slow-ripening fruit and aromatic varieties brought forth from the impeccably tended Stoney Vineyard—the oldest in the historic Coal River Valley in southern Tasmania. Each vintage is a constant reflection of this extraordinary, elemental terroir: climate and soil, vineyard and method, founded on 200-million-year-old Jurassic dolerite.

Winemaking: Hand-picked fruit was crushed and pressed immediately. Juices were not settled after pressing—instead they were transferred immediately to 80% new French oak hogsheads and puncheons where they underwent native yeast fermentation. Heading into winter, the dry wines in oak were stirred weekly in order to build palate weight and left on lees for the duration of oak maturation. After 15 months in oak the wines were racked off lees to stainless steel. The wine was bottled on 2 August 2021.

Closure: Ganau Uniq Cork

ABV: 14.3%

LEGEND tasting notes: This wine is widely considered Australia's greatest varietal sauvignon blanc. Opulent aromatics of lemon myrtle, thai basil, lime leaf, guava, chamomile, and white peach. An energentic and unctuous palate adds notes of nectarine, lime curd, and green tea, with a long, honeyed, smokey finish. Purity and power at its finest.

Production size: 284 dozen