



## Misha's Vineyard 'The Starlet' Sauvignon Blanc 2023



**94/100 Excellent** *"Pungent, varietal and enticing bouquet led by the classic scents of the variety with an equal measure of minerality and purity. Aromas and flavours of lemon and fresh red apple, there's a combination of cape gooseberry and fresh green herbs, there's a steely mineral quality as the wine develops in glass and with a light savoury quality this is a wine that shows myriad attributes simultaneously. Taut and dry with a plenty of acidity giving a salivating palate squeeze, flavours are persistent with a saline touch on the finish. An excellent example from the region. Best drinking from 2024 through 2030+." Oct 2023 (Cameron Douglas MS, [www.camdouglasms.com](http://www.camdouglasms.com))*

**94/100** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **5 stars** *"It's finely scented and enticing on the nose, showing crunchy apple, feijoa, lemongrass and lime peel aromas, followed by a splendidly flavoursome palate offering bright fruit intensity with beautifully pitched acidity. Varietally expressive with textured mouthfeel and delicate complexity. At its best: now to 2028." Oct 2023. (Sam Kim, Wine Orbit, [www.wineorbit.com](http://www.wineorbit.com))*

**18.5+/20** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ *"Bright, even, pale yellow. The nose is pretty with lush aromas of orchard fruit, guava, citrus, dill and blossom. Medium-bodied, aromas of pear, pink guava, lemon and lime melded with dill, cardamom and pear blossom. The creamy mouthfeel adorned by ripe, dusty phenolics, flows with a poised, lively acid line. This Sauvignon Blanc is elegant with lovely layers of ripe, delicate fruit, spice and a plush mouthfeel. Match with sole fish and whitebait over the next 3+ years. Handpicked fruit, a few hours of skin contact, whole bunch pressed, (64%) free run juice was fermented in stainless steel; the remainder was wild fermented in mostly older French oak barrels, 3% from the tank ferment was taken to a single new oak barrel. 14% alc. 18.5+/20 pts (94 pts)." Nov 2023 (Candice Chow, Raymond Chan Wine Reviews)*

**4.5 stars** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ *"Full of youthful drive, the 2023 vintage was estate-grown at Bendigo, in the Cromwell Basin. Hand-picked, it was mostly handled in tanks, but 36 per cent of the blend was fermented with indigenous yeasts in mostly older French oak casks (with some use of new oak). Bright, light lemon/green, it is weighty and finely textured, with strong peach, passionfruit, lime and capsicum flavours, showing very good complexity, and a dryish (5 grams/litre of residual sugar), lingering finish. Best drinking mid-2024+." November 2023 (Michael Cooper, Buyer's Guide to New Zealand Wines)*

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