



## Worlds Apart

2021

# 'HOPE FOREST'

*Sauvignon Blanc* | *Adelaide Hills - Australia*



BIODYNAMIC



NATURAL



VEGAN

### Stats

**Grapes:** 100% Sauvignon Blanc

**Vineyard:** Brackenwood Vineyard  
(Hope Forest)

**Vine Age:** 20-years-old

**Soil Type:** Ironstone and quartz-riddled clay

**Viticulture:** Practicing organic

**Fermentation:** Native – open-top stainless-steel (100% destemmed)

**Skin Contact:** 3 days

**Aging:** 8 months in neutral French tonneau

**Alcohol:** 12.9%

**pH:** 3.41

**Total Acidity:** 6 g/L

**Total SO<sub>2</sub>:** 71 ppm

**Total Production:** 225 cases

### Reviews

The Wine Front | 92 points

### About

'Hope Forest' is not a location in Westeros but is an overlooked sub-region of the Kuitpo sub-region within the Adelaide Hills. It is the most southerly tip of the Hills sitting atop the Willunga Hill leading into McLaren Vale. The climate is much cooler than the area immediately north into the Hills and much drier and cooler than the Vale to the south. Louis adores this area for the lengthy hangtime and lower than usual sunshine that often strips Sauvignon Blanc of its Sauvignonnness.

The biodynamically farmed Brackenwood Vineyard remains the source for this wine. The fruit was hand-harvested and fully destemmed and very lightly crushed directly to open-top stainless-steel tanks. Three days of fermentation occurred without any additions and with just a very light set of punchdowns and then the grapes were gently basket-pressed to neutral French tonneau on the gross lees to finish fermentation. A heavy amount of battonage was employed early on for texture and weight then the wine rested for eight months in barrel before being racked to tank where it settled naturally. The wine was bottled without fining or filtration and with just a small sulfur addition.

### Tasting Note

Lightly grippy Sauvignon with a real wild side. This is definitely not your run of the mill Adelaide Hills Sauvignon Blanc and that's a good thing. Aromas of lemon balm, nectarines, and basil-like tones are at the forefront with lingering green pear on the back end. The wine is more herbal on the palate, but by no means green, with a cascading fruity side that again reaches into the apple/pear section of the supermarket. There is a great deal of complexity here that really shows with some air all leading to a deeply penetrating and saline-doused finish.