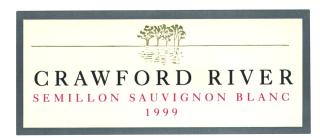
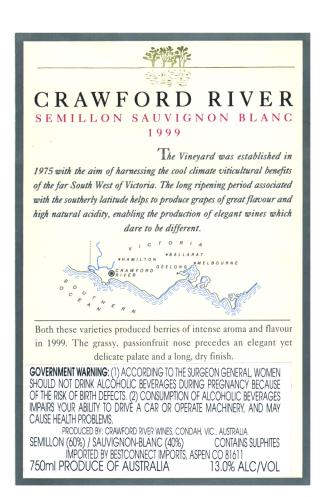
CRAWFORD RIVER WINES

southwest victoria, australia

1999 SEMILLON SAUVIGNON BLANC





The Crawford River vineyard is located in the cool climate of a relatively unexplored winegrowing region - the South West of Victoria.

The 9 hectare vineyard stands alone in the midst of sprawling grazing lands and spectacular State forests. The winery sits atop a hill with the vineyard hugging the steep slope in the middle of the sheep and cattle station. The vineyard's low-yielding vines grow in gravelly loam soils. The vines are all hand pruned and the grapes hand picked in April/May and meticulous attention is paid to hygiene and modem wine making techniques. The wines are grown, produced and bottled at the Crawford River vineyard and winery at Condah.

Intense passionfruit aromas dominate this delightfully fresh blend. The lively yet delicate palate is well-balanced with sweet varietal flavors and crisp acidity and culminates in a clean dry finish. The strong backbone of semillon helps give it good structure and will enable it to improve over the next few years.

WINEWISE, April 2000: "A beautifully crafted white which offers vibrant passionfruit/grassy aromas and flavors which express the varietal origins and terroir superbly. It's providing considerable drinking pleasure now, but will be better in a year or two"

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