

# Tasting Notes Raewyn's Wine Tasting Group

## Vertical Tasting of six Reserve Sauvignon Blancs

Clearview Estate – Reserve Sauvignon Blanc 2002

Original notes suggest drinking dates: to 2006

Comment: ..but still very good in 2013!

Very good light fresh colour for its age, round, smooth and soft palate, lanolin and creamy, great flavours, lingering and persistent. Cork has done its job well. Wine in good condition.

Clearview Estate – Reserve Sauvignon Blanc 2003

Suggested drinking dates: to 20010

Greater hue and more developed colour here, mature bouquet and more peachy with very soft acid. Complex wine and ready, stone fruit attributes, no benefit from further ageing, ready now.

Clearview Estate – Reserve Sauvignon Blanc 2004

Suggested drinking dates: to 2008

Lighter, youthful colour, gun flint / match stick edge bouquet but palate shows better fruit and younger flavours from screw cap closure. Lanolin and peach flavours. Good balancing acid. This wine improved immensely with aeration and as the potential to be aged for many years yet.

Clearview Estate - Reserve Sauvignon Blanc 2005

Suggested drinking dates: to 2014

General consensus: this wine is very good. Light fresh lemon colour, gentle phenolics, complex fruit flavours, definitely capable of ageing further and the balance suggests a wine to match foods, perfect, can't fault it, balanced ...

Clearview Estate –Reserve Sauvignon Blanc 2006

Suggested drinking dates: to 2012

Very clear delicate pale lemon colour. This is a lovely wine. All elements are integrated and the wine harmonious. No rush here as the wine will age well for ages yet. This wine has a concentration of ripe flavours, softer acid and seamless fruit flavours.

Clearview Estate –Reserve Sauvignon Blanc 2007

Suggested drinking dates: to 2012

Polarized comments here. Some thought this the best, others found it more like an obvious Sauvignon Blanc. The wild (indigenous) ferment seemed to have a stronger influence here with the malo and vanillin edges still needing time to integrate but the concentrated flavours are wonderfully powerful and long lasting.

Advocates: clear, fresh, more recognisable Sauvignon Blanc

Opponents: not as balanced, sharper, (harsh)