

**2011 The First Lady
Sauvignon Blanc 100%
Adelaide Hills 100%**

Wine Analysis
Winemaker: Greg Clack
Bottled: February 2012
Alcohol: 10.8%
Oak: 9 months
New and 1 year old French Oak
Acid: 8.0 g/L
pH: 3.17
Sulphur: 118 mg/L

In the Vineyard

Selected from three premium vineyards, two from the northern hills and the other from Kuitpo to the south. The first northern vineyard has a north/south row orientation with a very gentle south-easterly facing slope. The second has an east/west row orientation with a moderate easterly facing slope. Both produce distinctly different characters in the wine. The southern Adelaide Hills vineyard has an east/west orientation with a moderate slope to the north-east giving wine with a touch more tropical fruit than the wine from the other vineyards.

In the Winery

Each vineyard parcel was treated independently of the others with each parcel being picked in the cool early hours of the morning and processed carefully under inert gas cover. Only the free run was used for the First Lady. The wine began fermentation in stainless steel and was then transferred to new and one year old French oak once peak fermentation was reached. Fermentation was then completed in barrel. It was then matured in oak for nine months with lees contact in order to build texture and mouthfeel.

In the Glass Colour

Pale golden straw with a luminous straw green hue.

Bouquet

Intensely complex nose of delicately balanced tropical fruits of honeydew melon and grapefruit with lifts of savoury oak and hints of smoke. Slight creamy lees character brings together the fruit and oak.

Palate

The palate is integrated and balanced with fresh tropical fruit, savoury French oak, hints of smoke and refreshing cucumber, displaying lifted nuances of vanillin and nutmeg spice. Lively linear acidity lifts the fruit on the mid palate which seamlessly integrates with the creamy finish from the lees stirring. Brilliant length and intensity. Can be drunk immediately however it was made to reach ideal drinkability after 1-2 years in bottle. Full rewards will be obtained by allowing the varietal character to intensify and oak to integrate over this short cellaring time. Peak drinkability is recommended between Summer 2013 and Winter 2014 to gain the ideal balance of primary fruit and bottle aged complexity.



The First Lady Story

Mary Anne Newman was one of the first children born of European descent in Adelaide soon after colonisation in 1836. George Lionel Vincent Newman, one of Mary Anne's 20 children was the first Newman to move and settle at Chain of Ponds. The Newman descendants remained at Chain of Ponds right to the end, when the family home was demolished in the early 1970's.

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Chain of Ponds