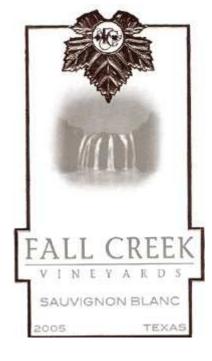


WINE RECOMMENDATION



Fall Creek Vineyards

2005 Sauvignon Blanc (Texas)

Located in the Texas Hill Country on the northwest shores of Lake Buchanan, Fall Creek Vineyards, once known only for French-American hybrid grape varieties, is now home to a wide range of *vinifera* varieties including Chardonnay, Chenin Blanc, Sauvignon Blanc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Zinfandel, Semillon, Johannisberg Riesling, Shiraz, Tempranillo, Viognier and Malbec. Breezes from the lake and sandy loam soil facilitate even ripening and flavor development in what otherwise might be considered unsuitable growing conditions.

Owners Ed and Susan Auler have garnered much attention for the Texas wine industry, most notably for their highly acclaimed Bordeaux blend, or Meritage, *Meritus*.

Their version of Bordeaux's white counterpart, Sauvignon Blanc, is clear, bright yellow, and lightly viscous. It has lemon and floral aromas, and, on the palate, is very juicy and bold, with red delicious apple, Anjou pear, lemon, candied orange, and marzipan notes. Clean, round, and appealing, it is more like an Alsatian Pinot Blanc in style than a zesty Sauvignon Blanc. This lovely white wine would be just the ticket as a cooling aperitif at dusk on the veranda after a long day.

Reviewed March 23, 2007 by Catherine Fallis.

THE WINE

Winery: Fall Creek Vineyards

Vintage: 2005

Wine: Sauvignon Blanc
Appellation: Texas
Grape: Sauvignon Blanc

Price: \$8.99

THE REVIEWER



Catherine Fallis

Founder and President of Planet Grape LLC, a company committed to bringing the joy of wine, food, and good living into the lives of everyday people, Catherine is creator of the "grape goddess guides to good living," a series of books, television presentations,

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