

Alpha Estate SB Fumé 2017



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As always, this wine has more depth and power than the regular (2018) Sauvignon Blanc. It is simply a more profound bottling. The oak mingles with the vegetal nuances and creates an interesting mix of flavors, but one thing the wood never does is obscure the fine fruit. Its balance, structure, concentration and finish—long and persistent—make it another winner. It can easily hold several years, maybe more, but while it may still be just fine in a decade, I wouldn't plan on making this an "old bones" wine. It drinks great now.