

EAGLES' NEST SAUVIGNON BLANC 2023

Production:

This 2023 vintage is only the third Constantia Origin Sauvignon Blanc produced by the Estate. The grapes come from 2 blocks of Sauvignon Blanc located about 10.5km away from the False Bay Coastline, ideally positioned to produce world class cool climate Sauvignon Blanc. Three separate components were harvested at different times from these blocks to allow for the creation of distinct components to add further complexity to this wine. For each of the respective component's grapes were hand-picked into small lug boxes and cooled in a specialised cooling room to 5°C. The following morning the grapes were gently whole bunch pressed, recovering about 55% of the juice. Only the premium clear juice was racked off and sent for fermentation. The three components were all inoculated with different cultured yeast strains all designed to express a specific unique quality while respecting the terroir of the grapes. 68% of the juice was fermented in older 500L French Oak Barrels and 32% was fermented in a stainless-steel tank. The wine was aged for 8 months on its fermentation lees after which the respective components were blended for a layered, complex white wine.

Description:

This wine showcases a light golden hue. The nose initially shows opulent tropical fruit aromas, supported by citrus elements; including aromas of stone fruits, gooseberries, limes with a hint of blackberry and cut grass. These aromas are complimented by a subtle nuttiness and some spicy notes as the wine develops in the glass. Delicious tropical flavours prevail on the palate, these are further complimented by distinct minerality and a fresh, zesty core. Some barrel ageing applied in the cellar softens the acidity on the palate and results in a rounded, textured mouthfeel.

Analysis:

Variety: 100% Sauvignon Blanc | **Wine of Origin:** Constantia | **Altitude:** 100m to 400m | **Slopes:** South and East | **Soils:** Decomposed Granite & Lighter Clay Soils | **Bottling date:** October 2023 | **Number of bottles:** 6758 | **Alcohol:** 13.5 vol % | **Sugar:** 1,98 g/l | **TA:** 7.14 g/l | **pH:** 3.2 | **TSO₂:** 131 mg/l | **FSO₂** 37 mg/l | **Energy:** 328 kJ / 79 kCAL

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