

# EAGLES' NEST VIOGNIER 2021

## Production:

Grown in the cool climate Constantia Valley, the grapes for this wine come from five Viognier blocks planted on different sections of Eagles' Nest, which make up a total of 2.58ha. These blocks are planted on altitudes ranging from 100m to 400m above sea level, and slopes facing from North, East to West. Each of the blocks were individually picked and processed, to produce separate and distinct Viognier components, to allow for the creation of a layered and complex wine. For each of the respective components, grapes were carefully hand-picked and transported to the cellar where they were cooled in a specialised cooling room. The whole bunches were placed in a pneumatic bag press and gently pressed, recovering about 55%. The juice settled overnight in a stainless-steel tank, after which only the premium clear juice was racked off to 10% first fill 500L French Oak barrels, 45 % second and 45% third fill barrels. The fermentation temperatures were relatively low, peaking at 18°C. During the wine's maturation in barrel, it received a fortnightly batonage and topping up. After 6 months maturation selected barrels were blended and allowed to harmonise before bottling in October 2021.

## Description:

This wine reflects a light golden hue. The nose shows enticing aromas of fresh, ripe yellow fruit, complimented by subtle citrus notes of lemon and lime. Delicate floral notes and spice develop in the glass. A refined and delicate palate follows, with delicious ripe tropical fruit flavours, spice and subtle mineral nuances. Integrated acidity and freshness, testimony to this wine's cool climate origin, is beautifully balanced by richness and texture offered by even handed wooding applied in the cellar. Enjoy now through to 8 years from vintage.

## Analysis:

**Variety:** 100% Viognier | **Clone:** 642 | **Wine of Origin:** Constantia | **Altitude:** 100m to 400m |  
**Slopes:** Ranging from North, East to West | **Soils:** Decomposed Granite, table Mountain Sandstone &  
Clay (Hutton) | **Bottling date:** October 2021 | **Number of bottles:** 9 388  
| **Alcohol** 13.50 vol % | **Sugar** 3.4 g/l | **TA** 6.61g/l | **pH** 3.28 | **TSO<sub>2</sub>** 116 mg/l | **FSO<sub>2</sub>** 38mg/l

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