



SASKIA 2023

WINE OF ORIGIN SWARTLAND



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WINES

This is a Cape White blend comprised of 70% Chenin blanc, 16% Clairette blanche, 11% Viognier & 3% Verdelho.

The grapes are all sourced from vineyards situated on the northern slopes of the Paardeberg mountain growing in weathered granite soils. Most of the vineyards are older bush-vines, unirrigated and low yielding. Each vineyard and variety are picked at various sugar ripeness levels to express the site best and to contribute their unique character to the blend.

The grapes are picked into small crates and placed into a cold store overnight. The following morning the grapes are gently whole bunch pressed and the juice is settled overnight after which it is then run to older 400 litre French oak barrels as well as a concrete egg for fermentation. The fermentation is allowed to start naturally and once completed the wine is topped and matured sur-lie for 10 months with regular lees stirring in French Oak barrels. 16% of this wine is fermented and matured in a concrete egg.

The wine was bottled in November 2023

TASTING NOTES:

COLOUR: The wine displays a stunning golden straw colour.

NOSE: Aromas of yellow and white peach with hints of orange blossoms, quince and toasted almonds leap from the glass.

PALATE: The palate is rich and full of flavours of ripe stone fruit, quince and pithy citrus notes dominating. The rich mid-palate leads to a surprisingly fresh finish with hints of toasted almonds.

FOOD PAIRING: This wine is a perfect accompaniment to Lobster Bisque, Seafood Paella, Sushi or any mildly spicy seafood dish.

MATURATION: This wine drinks well on release but will reward with cellaring for up to 10 years from harvest.

PRODUCTION: 4010 bottles

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:

- pH: 3.31
- TA: 5.7 g/l
- RS: 2.5 g/l
- Alc: 13.5 % by vol.

AWARDS

- Platter's Wine Guide 2026 – 4 ½ stars – 94 pts
- Tim Atkin's South Africa Report 2024 – 94 pts

VINEYARDS: CHENIN BLANC | AREA: SWARTLAND ON THE NORTH EASTERN SLOPES OF THE PAARDEBERG - MORELIG

Altitude:	Aspect:	Row direction:	Planted in:	Soil Type:	Training:	Pruning:	Irrigation:	Plant Density:	Cropping:
250m	Northwest	Not applicable	1980	Weathered Granite	Bush Vine	Spur pruned	None	4000 vines per hectare (1m X 2.5 m spacing)	4tons/ha or 25hl/ha

VINEYARDS: CHENIN BLANC | AREA: SWARTLAND - PAARDEBERG - ROTSBANK

285m	East	Not applicable	1984	Weathered Granite	Bush Vine	Spur pruned	None	2750 vines/ha (1.2m X 3m spacing)	3.8 tons/ha or 25 hl/ha
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VINEYARDS: VIOGNIER | AREA: SWARTLAND - PAARDEBERG

370m	East	North-South	2004	Weathered Granite	Perold – 5 wire vertical trellis	Spur pruned	Supplemental drip irrigation	2222 vines/ha (1.5m X 3m spacing)	8 tons/ha or 50 hl/ha
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VINEYARDS: CLAIRETTE BLANCHE | AREA: SWARTLAND - PAARDEBERG

250m	Northeast	Not applicable	1980	Decomposed Granite	Bush Vine	Spur pruned	None	4000 vines per hectare (1m X 2.5 m spacing)	3 tons/ha or 15 hl/ha
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VINEYARDS: VERDELHO | AREA: PAARDEBERG, SWARTLAND

200m	South	Not Applicable	2012	Weathered Granite	Bush Vine	Spur pruned	Supplemental drip irrigation	3350 vines/ha (2.4m X 1.1m spacing)	5 tons/ha or 33 hl/ha
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