



ARISTEA

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SAUVIGNON BLANC · SEMILLON VINTAGE 2019

Born from the ashes and found only in Madagascar and the Cape, the Aristea flower flourishes on land ravaged by fire, opening for just one day each year.

It also symbolises the struggle, passion and dedication required to produce every new vintage of our special collection of handmade wines. Wines that express a sense of place, crafted with skill and adventure by friends united in a single purpose: to capture the elegance and spirit of South Africa.

TECHNICAL INFO

Blend:	75% Sauvignon Blanc & 25% Semillon		
Grapes Origin:	W.O. Elgin	Alcohol:	13.5%
Vineyard Yield:	7.5 tons / hectare	Residual Sugar:	1.96 g/l
Harvest Date:	20/02/19 & 06/03/19	Total Acid:	7.8 g/l
Production:	2,330 bottles	pH:	3.17

WINEMAKING

The Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon grapes were harvested by hand, separately, almost 2 weeks apart, into small lug boxes and then stored overnight at 5°C in a cold room.

The following morning the fruit was whole-bunch pressed and after settling, was racked into barrel without the addition of any yeast for natural fermentation.

The Sauvignon Blanc was aged in 500 litre barrels for 9 months in 25% new and 75% 2nd-fill French oak barrels, whilst the Semillon was aged in just one 500 litre, 2nd-fill barrel and both underwent a light bâtonnage during the early part of the maturation period.

TASTING NOTES

2019 was our 3rd vintage of this blend, allowing us to further understand the complexity and subtle characteristics we continue to uncover from our carefully selected vineyards. Elegant light straw in colour, while the nose displays delicate aromas of white peach and gentle hints of vanilla. On the palate the stone fruit flavours combine beautifully with blackcurrant to give a richness on the aftertaste that is a perfectly balanced with the acidity. The wood component is gently integrated with the lingering minerality on the tongue, to give you an aftertaste that makes you want to come back for more. Ten months of ageing in 500 litre French oak barrels also adds a complex richness to the wine.

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