

DAVID NIEUWOUDT GHOST CORNER

ELIM SOUTH AFRICA

SEMILLON 2017

An aromatic Semillon displaying aromas of green fig, white fruit and nettles characteristic of the cool climate in Elim. A distinct minerality with a slight earthiness on the nose that follows through onto the palate. A small amount of French oak adds a hint of smokiness leading to a creamy palate with a crisp acidity. This wine is especially well suited for strong seafood flavours such as yellowtail, scallops or snoek, as well as lightly smoked meat and rich pork dishes.

----- VINEYARDS & VINIFICATION -----

Facing:	South
Soil types:	Bokkeveld Slate, Koffieklip and Gravel
Age of vines:	17 years, Elim ward
Vineyard area:	1.5 ha
Yield per hectare:	5 t/ha
Trellised:	Extended 6 wire Perold
Irrigation:	Supplementary
Clone:	dd1
Harvest date:	27 February 2017
Degree balling at harvest:	Early morning hand harvested at 22.5°B
Vinification:	Reductive style, cold crush 8°C, skin contact for 8 hours, pressing, only free run juice used, settle for 2 days at 10°C; Fermentation: 28 days in stainless steel tank, – 70%, 30% fermented in 1st fill 225l French oak barrels for 3 months at 12°C with selected yeast strains before blending 5 month lees contact, weekly tank and barrel bâttage. Barrel maturation: Medium toast barrels – Allier forests – Burgundy coopers, 225l barrels.
Optimum drinking time:	3 - 5 years after release

----- ANALYSIS -----

Alcohol	13.0% vol	TA	6.2 g/l
Sugar	2.1 g/l	pH	3.4

----- ACCOLADES -----

SAWi Awards '18 - Platinum: 97.2 points

Platter's SA Wine Guide '20: 4.5 stars – 2017 vintage

Veritas '19: Gold – 2017 vintage

Novare SA Terroir Award '19 Kaap Agulhas District: Top Semillon – 2017 vintage

Novare Terroir Wine Awards '19: National Winner – 2017 vintage

Platter's Wine Guide '19: 4.5 stars – 2017 vintage

Tim Atkin Report '18: 94 points – 2017 vintage

SA Terroir Wine Awards '17: Top Semillon

SAWi Awards '17 - Grand Slam: 100 points

SAWi Awards '17 - Top Ranking Semillon: 1st Position

Veritas '18: Gold – 2016 vintage

Winemag '18 - Alternative Varieties Report: 90 points – 2016 vintage

Walker Bay and Cape Agulhas Districts Terroir Awards 17: Top Semillon – 2015 vintage

Platters '17: 4.5 stars – 2015 vintage



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