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GHOST CORNER

ELIM SOUTH AFRICA

WILD FERMENT SAUVIGNON
BLANC 2017

Naturally fermented sauvignon blanc. Enticing aromas of fleshy white pear and quince with an illusion of sweetness. Ten months barrel maturation gives a creamy, full-palate with beautiful length. Well paired with fresh seafood or a creamy pasta. Best enjoyed right away, but potential to age up to five years.

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

Facing: South
Soil types: Bokkeveld Slate, Koffieklip and Gravel
Age of vines: 15 years, Elim ward
Vineyard area: 12 ha
Yield per hectare: 9 t/ha
Trellised: Extended 6 wire Perold
Irrigation: Supplementary
Clone: SB159, 317 on Richter 99
Harvest date: 8 February - 25 February 2017
Degree balling at harvest: Early morning hand harvested sauvignon blanc at 22 - 23.5°B
Vinification: 50% cold crush 8°C, reductive style, skin contact for 8 hours, pressing, only free run juice used, settle for 2 days at 10°C, 50% whole bunch press, reductive style, one day settling at 10°C; juice is moved to 12% new French oak and the rest to a combination of 2nd, 3rd & 4th fill French oak barrels for natural fermentation (no culture added). Fermented at 13°C for up to 45 days; Barrel matured for 10 months in tight grain, medium toast 400L barrels.
Optimum drinking time: 3 - 5 years after release

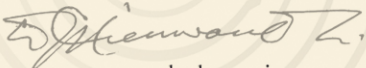
----- ANALYSIS -----

Alcohol	13.5% vol	TA	6.2 g/l
Sugar	4.1 g/l	pH	3.5

----- ACCOLADES -----

Six Nations '19 : Trophy Winner – 2017 vintage
SAWi Awards '18 - Platinum: 98.4 points
IWSC '19 : Silver – 2017 vintage
Stephen Tanzer USA '19: 92 points – 2015 vintage
IWSC '19: Silver – 2017 vintage
Old Mutual Wine Trophy '19: Silver – 2017 vintage
Decanter World Wine Awards '19: Silver – 2017 vintage
Concours Mondial du Bruxelles '19: Silver – 2017 vintage
Veritas '18: Gold – 2017 vintage
Tim Atkin '18: 94 points – 2017 vintage
Michelangelo '18: Platinum – 2017 vintage
Platter's SA Wine Guide '19: 4.5 Stars – 2017 vintage
IWSC '18: Silver – 2016 vintage
Veritas '18: Gold – 2016 vintage
Concours Mondial de Bruxelles '18: Gold – 2016 vintage
Decanter World Wine Awards '18: Gold – 2016 vintage
Sommelier Wine Awards '18: Gold – 2016 vintage




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