



# SARONSBERG

TULBAGH

## Viognier 2021

This wine is the ideal accompaniment to foods with subtle spicy aromas and flavours. Although it spent 11 months in oak we strive to produce a wine that is still lively and fresh with varied and delicate flavours, showcasing the subtleties and finesse that Viognier is capable of.

### Harvest

Cultivar:	Viognier
Clones:	VI 1, VI 642
Age:	16 years
Soil:	Partially weathered shale as well as red/yellow clay-loam soils
Harvest:	2 <sup>nd</sup> an 3 <sup>rd</sup> week of February 2021
Yield:	5.6 ton/ha
Balling:	23.2°B
pH:	3.28
Total acid:	6.8g/l

### Fermentation

The grapes were hand-picked in the early morning, force-cooled to 4 °C and pressed whole-bunch. Only the first light pressings were used. The juice was settled at 5 °C for 48 hours and then racked. A 25% portion underwent wild fermentation and the balance were inoculated with Vin 13 and CY3079 yeast in one third each of first-, second- and third-fill 500 litre Allier French oak barrels, using three different coopers. Fermentation continued for on average 21 days, the temperature of fermentation ranging between 13 and 18 °C. The wine was aged on its fine lees and malolactic fermentation was prevented to preserve the finer flavours. After a total barrel maturation period of 11 months the wine was racked, protein stabilised and bottled with a fine sheet filtration.

### Analysis

Alcohol:	13.49 vol %
Total acid:	6.4 g/l
pH:	3.17
Residual sugar:	3.3 g/l
Volatile acidity:	0.47 g/l
Free sulphur:	45 mg/l
Total sulphur:	112 mg/l



## Awards

### 2020 Vintage

- National Wine Challenge: Double Gold
- Novare Terroir: National Viognier Winner

### 2019 Vintage

- National Wine Challenge: Top 100

### 2018 Vintage

- National Wine Challenge: Top 100
- South African Wine Index: Platinum
- Decanter World Wine Awards: 94 Points
- Tim Atkin SA Report: 90 Points
- Veritas: Gold Medal

### 2017 Vintage

- International Wine Challenge Silver Medal
- Decanter World Wine Awards: 90 Points
- South African Wine Index: Platinum
- Tim Atkin SA Report: 93 Points

### 2016 Vintage

- Double Gold National Wine Challenge 2017
- South African Wine Index: Platinum
- Tim Atkin SA Report: 90 Points

### 2015 Vintage

- National Wine Challenge: Top 100
- National Wine Challenge: Best in Class
- South African Wine Index: Grand Gold
- Tim Atkins SA Report: 91 Points
- Michelangelo Awards: Gold

### 2014 Vintage

- South African Wine Index: Grand Gold
- Michelangelo Awards: Double Gold
- International Wine Challenge: Gold
- IWC: South African Varietal Trophy

### 2013 Vintage

- Tim Atkin SA Report: 91 Points
- Michelangelo Awards: Gold

### 2012 Vintage

- National Wine Challenge: Top 100
- South African Wine Index: Grand Gold
- Michelangelo Awards: Gold

### 2011 Vintage

- Taj Classic Wine: Trophy Winner

### 2010 Vintage

- Classic Wine: Trophy Winner
- National Wine Challenge: Top 100
- Michelangelo Awards: Gold
- International Wine Challenge: Gold