

FLEUR DU CAP

ESSENCE DU CAP SAUVIGNON BLANC 2019

The Western Cape's diverse palate of wine growing regions allow Fleur du Cap the perfect canvas to make wines that express the essence of a varietal. A masterful selection of fruit combined with the creativity of our winemakers result in wines that express our vision, 'freedom of expression'.

TERROIR

Climate, soil, altitude and slope orientation are selected to capture as much varietal character as possible. The climate is mild with south and east facing slopes offering natural protection against late afternoon sun. Cooling breezes from the Atlantic Ocean ensure rich, slow-growing crops. The soil is predominantly medium textured and well-drained with good water holding capacity.

THE VINEYARDS

The Sauvignon blanc grapes were sourced from different cool climate vineyards located in the Western Cape, including Darling, Stellenbosch, Elgin and Cape Agulhas. The vineyards were planted between 2000 and 2006. Rootstocks and clones vary according to the terroir, but all the vineyards are trellised using a 5-wire system, which provides the perfect balance for the grapes between shade and sunshine. Production varied between 12 tons per hectare in Elgin, to 7 tons per hectare in Darling.

THE WINEMAKING

The grapes from the different vineyards were hand-harvested, brought to the cellar and off-loaded separately, each at optimal ripeness. In the cellar the juice was treated reductively to protect the delicate Sauvignon blanc characters, which are sensitive to oxygen. Only free run juice was clarified and fermented with specifically selected yeast strains at 14°C. The wine spent two months on the fine lees after fermentation before being blended, fined and filtered for bottling. Special care was taken throughout the winemaking process to ensure that maximum aromas were retained.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The wine is crystalline with a luminous green tint. The abundance of aromas and flavours typical of the diverse growing regions, make for a complex, beautifully layered wine. It is predominately driven by stone fruit, originating from the Stellenbosch grapes. A myriad of aromas follows, such as grapefruit, lime, passion fruit, peach, guava, fresh cut grass and gooseberries. The palate is mineral and linear with a beautiful richness elegantly balanced by the fresh acidity. The finish is fresh, full and lingers in the mouth.

FOOD PAIRING

Dishes such as green curries, summer salads with young asparagus tips and green figs or Parma ham pair ideally with this Sauvignon Blanc. The zippy acidity is the perfect complement to seafood, especially oysters.

ANALYSIS	
Alcohol	13.16 vol %
Residual Sugar	2.30 g/l
Total Acidity	6.80 g/l
pH	3.24

