



Ladybird

VINEYARDS

STELLENBOSCH

LADYBIRD WHITE 2021

WINEMAKER	FRANCOIS VAN ZYL
COMPOSITION	100% CHARDONNAY
ORIGIN	WESTERN CAPE
AGE OF VINES	5 – 15 YEARS ON AVERAGE
IRRIGATION	DRY LAND VINEYARDS AND SUPPLEMENTAL
SOIL TYPE	OAKLEAF AND VILAFONTES
YIELD	5 TONS PER HECTARE
AGEING POTENTIAL	2-6 YEARS FROM VINTAGE
PRODUCTION VOLUME	2 300 CASES (6 X 750ML)
FOOD PAIRING	CREAMY MUSHROOM RISOTTO GAME FISH



VINTAGE CONDITIONS

In what must go down as one of the best white wine vintages in South- Africa this 2021 wine is a perfect example of great Simonsberg – Stellenbosch terroir. The late start to the 2021 harvest was one of the distinguishing hallmarks of this vintage. The cooler growing conditions of the 2021 vintage produced elegant wines that will make them accessible and drinkable from an earlier age.

WINEMAKING / MATURATION

Only handpicked grapes. No destemming and no enzymes and no settling. Wild, and warm fermentation is preferred. We use 50% older larger 500 litre barrels for the fermentation. We like to do full Malolactic as well to add to the creaminess and richness of the wine. Chardonnay is probably the nicest white grape to treat naturally and fits in perfect with our philosophy. The wood is used to complement but not to overpower the final wine. Textures and layers are very important and therefore the wine is kept in barrels on roller for 11 months with regular “bâtonnage”. Some vintages a small percentage of Chenin blanc wine might be blended in.

TASTING NOTES

Light straw colour. Beautiful aromatics, with lots of fruit. Hints of butterscotch, hay and white nectarine. Palate is creamy with good weight and a lingering aftertaste. An enjoyable cracker of a wine. Drink 2 to 6 years after vintage.

ALC 13.13% | RS 1.8 g/l | TA 5.4 g/l | pH 3.51 | FREE SO₂ 39 mg/l | TOTAL SO₂ 96 mg/l | VA 0.85 g/l

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