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Joostenberg

Joostenberg Fairhead 2013

Every year we make a small batch of white wine named after Joostenberg's current matriarch and gardener extraordinaire, Gillian Fairhead. This wine honours the women of Joostenberg whose substantial efforts, in a male dominated society, have often been unrecognized.

The core of the wine is old vine Chenin Blanc and the blending partners are the more exotic Roussanne and Viognier varieties.

Vineyards

The Joostenberg vineyards are situated on the Western edge of the Paarl region. Winters are wet and mild (temperature rarely drop below 0 degrees Celsius), and summers are generally dry and warm.

Grapes were sourced from 3 "estate-grown", organically certified vineyards:

- 12 year old, West-facing, Roussanne vineyard planted in clay soils.
- 31 year old, dry-farmed, bushvine, Chenin Blanc vineyard.
- 13 year old Viognier vineyard, planted in rocky granitic soil.

Vinification

Grapes were hand-picked, gently pressed and the resulting juice was fermented in seasoned, oak barrels using "wild yeasts". The resulting wine was left on the lees for 15 months before being blended and bottled.

Blend

Chenin Blanc	78%
Roussanne	18%
Viognier	4%

Tasting Notes

Medium-bodied, luscious white wine. Layers of flavours and subtle wooding. Will develop even more complexity over the next 2-5 years.

Wine Analysis

Alcohol:	12.5%
Residual Sugar:	2.8 g/ℓ
Total Acid:	5.3 g/ℓ
pH:	3.47

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