



## ***Joostenberg Small Batch Collection No.6 Spaanse Spek 2011***

The Small Batch Collection wines are made in miniscule quantities and allow us to explore various winemaking techniques, grape varieties and vineyards. Sometimes it's about pushing the winemaking boundaries a bit (the revolutionary process) and sometimes it's all about figuring out the best way to capture the pure essence of a specific vineyard.

The Spaanse Spek 2011 was inspired by Spanish white winemaking traditions which involve exceptionally long barrel-ageing periods (as long as 10 years in some cases). These wines are renowned for their ageing potential.

### **Vineyards**

Our vineyards lie on the south western edge of the Paarl region. The climate is Mediterranean - i.e. cold, wet winters and dry summers. Soils are a combination of decomposed granite and Malmesbury shale. In order to optimize the influence of terroir all of the vineyards are managed according to organic principles.

This is a blend of 3 vineyards:

- (1) 10 year old, West-facing, Roussanne vineyard planted in deep clay-based soils
- (2) 29 year old, bushvine, Chenin Blanc vineyard
- (3) 11 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 blended after 10 months and then returned to barrel for a further 3 and a half years. Total time in barrel exceeded 4 years.

### **Tasting notes**

A medium-bodied, dry white wine with a very long finish. Aromas of baked apple, almonds and a touch of vanilla. Some saltiness on the finish.

### **Wine analysis**

Alcohol:	13.5%
Residual Sugar:	1.6 g/ℓ
Total Acid:	6 g/ℓ
pH:	3.42

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