

J. Joostenberg



FAIRHEAD 2015

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.



VINEYARDS

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

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

- 14 year old, West-facing, Roussanne vineyard planted in clay soils.
- 33 year old, dry-farmed, bush vine, Chenin Blanc vineyard.
- 15 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 10 months before being blended and bottled..



VARIETIES

Chenin Blanc	41%
Roussanne	15%
Viognier	44%



WINE ANALYSIS

Alc:	13.0%
RS:	2.4 g/l
TA:	4.3 g/l
pH:	3.63



TASTING NOTES

Medium-bodied, luscious white wine. Despite the inherent richness and aromatics, the wine is fresh and dry. Layers of flavours and subtle wooding.

Will develop even more complexity over the next 2-5 years.