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Joostenberg Small Batch Collection No.3 Roussanne 2014

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.

This is the first time we have bottled a Roussanne and we think it has good potential at Joostenberg.

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.

Grapes for this wine were sourced from a very small vineyard (2000 vines) that was planted as a Cabernet Sauvignon vineyard in 2000 and then grafted to Roussanne in 2007.

Vinification

Grapes were hand-picked and then "whole-bunch" pressed. Fermentation took place in a single old oak barrel. Bottled after 11 months maturation.

Tasting notes

Rich and opulent, with quince and blossoms on the nose and a slightly oily texture on the palate.

Wine analysis

Alcohol:	12.8%
Residual Sugar:	1.2 g/ℓ
Total Acid:	4.5 g/ℓ
pH:	3.63

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