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B Vintners, Haarlem To Hope White, Stellenbosch, South Africa, 2018



Producer Profile

B Vintners is a joint venture between Bruwer Raats, owner and winemaker of Raats Family Wines and his cousin, Gavin Bruwer Slabbert, who joined Bruwer as winemaker and viticulturist in 2009.

B Vintners focus on creating a small collection of single vineyard, hand-crafted wines; the first being the Muscat d' Alexandria 2014 from a tiny vineyard in Helderberg. Minimal intervention, with an organic attitude towards the winemaking results in wines that are textural and complex.

Viticulture

All the vineyards are planted in the Stellenbosch area, with vines of between 10 and 65 years on old and weathered soils of decomposed granite and/or table mountain sandstone, in close proximity to False Bay. The yield is only 6 to 8 ton per ha.

Winemaking

Minimal intervention - whole bunch pressing, fermented and aged in old oak with resting on lees for 10 months - only the Muscat was fermented and aged in Stainless Steel, then assembled, naturally stabilised and then bottled.

Tasting Note

A concentration of bright fruit on the nose that follows through onto the palate, that creates tension and excitement all at once. Nectarine, pear and melon are given depth by touches of spice, lemongrass and ginger, while hints of floral and scrub enhances a further dimension. Time in older oak, with close lees contact, has helped to give the wine breadth and depth on the palate and keeps the focus with a saline and savoury linger.

Food Matching

Peri-peri pork belly, whole grilled yellowtail and ratatouille, crispy artichoke.

Technical Details

Varieties:

Chenin Blanc 61%
Semillon 36%
Others 3%

ABV: 13%

Closure: Technical cork

Colour: White

Style: Still wine

Case Size: 6 x 75cl

Oak Treatment

Time: 10 Months

Type: French

% wine oaked: 96

% new oak: None