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Iona, Sophie Te'Blanche Sauvignon Blanc, Elgin, South Africa, 2021



Producer Profile

At 420m above sea-level, set high above the picturesque Elgin Valley Andrew Gunn founded Iona. It is here overlooking the Atlantic ocean that he has secured some of the coolest vineyards in the Cape.

In a country where cool climate vineyards are like gold dust, these vineyards are veritable nuggets. There is an extremely long growing season, allowing Andrew to create wines with complex flavours and a fresh, elegant style. The approach is hands off and the land is farmed according to organic and biodynamic practices with a particular focus on ensuring the health of the soils whilst pests are kept under control by the resident flock of geese that roam the vineyards.

Viticulture

Grapes for Sophie Te Blanche are sourced from 7 different growers situated in the Cape South Coast region. 71% of the grapes are sourced from Elgin, 19% from Hermanus and 10% from Botriver region.

Winemaking

Grapes were hand harvested and destemmed. Juice settled for 24 hours, before being racked and inoculated with selected yeast strains. Wines were kept on the fine lees for 4 months before being bottled.

Tasting Note

Floral notes with a complex medley of tropical fruits, mingled with subtle lime and gooseberry undertones. The palate is balanced and rich, showing cut green apples with great minerality and texture. Sophie te'Blanche, a nickname given by those including our workers, who can't pronounce Sauvignon Blanc, is the inspiration behind this much loved wine, produced from grapes grown by dedicated farmers in Elgin and the Cape South Coast.

Food Matching

Asparagus, fish with hollandais sauce. Thai Food.

Technical Details

Varieties:

Sauvignon Blanc 100%

ABV: 13%

Closure: Screw cap

Colour: White

Style: Still wine

Case Size: 6 x 75cl

Oak Aging

No oak aging