Donovan Rall Winterhoek Sauvignon Blanc, WO Ceres Plateau 2021

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Donovan Rall

— Western Cape, South Africa

Outstanding cool climate Sauvignon Blanc from the unique Ceres Plateau appellation.

Production

The grapes are sourced from two vineyards: one called Kliptuin which translates to stone garden. This is the site the first vines were planted on the farm. The other is called Rivierblok and has sandier soils. Very long cold winters and cooler than normal ripening periods causes these grapes up in the mountains to ripen at least a month, or in some years up to 2 months, later than in regions like Stellenbosch. Winemaking is kept as basic as possible. Grapes are destemmed and pressed to tank to settle overnight without any additions and then split 50% to tank and the other 50% racked to second and third fill French barriques the next day. Spontaneous fermentation can last up to 6 months. Full malolactic if the wine in barrel wants to, but malolactic is stopped on the tank which is kept as a fresh component. After 10 months on the lees, racking and blending of the 2 components take place and the final wine is left another 2 months to stabilise before bottling with minimal filtration.

Tasting note

Restrained yet complex on the nose with stone-fruit, fresh lime and green plum aromas, with subtle oak nuances, nettle and dried herbs. The palate is taut and mineral with great purity of citrus driven fruit and gently nutty lees flavours. A fresh, limey acidity contributes to the wine's length and gives balance to the creamy texture of the barrel fermented component.

Food Match

A great match with oysters, freshly caught line-fish or summer salads.

ABV:
14.00%

Case/Bottle Size:
6x 75cl

Closure:
Please Select

Category:
Sustainable

Appellation:
WO Ceres Plateau

Winemaker:
Donovan Rall

Grape Varieties:
Sauvignon Blanc 100%

Suitable for:
Vegan