Donovan Rall Callender Peak Chardonnay, WO Ceres Plateau 2022

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Donovan Rall

— Western Cape, South Africa

Donovan Rall has been crafting Callender Peak in the mountainous Witzenberg Valley, over 750m above sea level, for more than a decade. This is classic cool climate Chardonnay showing the balance and class that are the hallmark of his wines.

2021 Vintage

Decanter World Wine Awards Silver 2022

Decanter World Wine Awards Bronze 2023

Production

100% fruit from the unique Ceres Plateau appellation. 2 vineyards, one called Kliptuin which translates to stone garden. This is the site the first vines were planted on the farm and another called rivierblok with more sandy soils. Very long cold winters and cooler than normal ripenng periods causes these mountain grown grapes to ripen at least a month or later than regions such as Stellenbosch. Winemaking is kept as simple as possible. Whole bunch pressed to tank to settle overnight without any additions and racked to second and third fill french barriques the next day. Spontaneous fermentation can last up to 6 months. Full malolactic if the wine wants to and after 10 months on the lees the first racking takes place when the wine is blended and returned to barrel for another 2 months before bottling with minimal filtration.

Tasting note

The nose shows notes of stonefruit and lemon with subtle vanilla oak influence. The palate is intense, creamy and gently savoury with hints of honeycomb and yellow citrus. Taut acidity gives focus and backbone on the concentrated, layered finish.

Food Match

Match with grilled prawns, fresh crayfish and other hearty seafood dishes

ABV:
13.00%

Case/Bottle Size:
6x 75cl

Closure:
Cork

Appellation:
WO Ceres Plateau

Winemaker:
Donovan Rall

Grape Varieties:
Chardonnay 100%

Suitable for:
Vegan

Allergen Info:
Contains Sulphites and No Other Allergens

Bottle Barcode:
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