Circle of Life White, WO Stellenbosch 2023

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Waterkloof

— Stellenbosch, South Africa

Circle of Life celebrates farming in harmony with nature, telling a story of preserving and regenerating biodiversity. This harmonious combination of 3 classic grape varieties captures the essence of Waterkloof's regenerative viticultural amphitheatre.

2022 Vintage

Decanter World Wine Awards Silver 2023

2023 Vintage

Decanter World Wine Awards Silver 2024

Production

Circle of Life White is neither defined by grape varietals, nor indeed a specific block within the vineyard, but instead encapsulates the myriad soils, aspects, altitudes and grape varieties found on this windswept, biodynamic farm. The windswept vineyard blocks are all, south facing (less sun exposure), 200-350m above sea-level and a mere 2 miles from The Atlantic. These factors combine to produce low yields, balanced grapes and wines with a true sense of place. Production is a miserly 4 tons per hectare. Bunches are picked early in the mornings, when they are still cool, which helps to preserve the flavours. Extracting juice from the grapes is achieved through whole-bunch pressing in our modern basket press. This is the most delicate way to extract the juice. No additions of enzymes or settling agents were made to the juice. After a settling period of 24 hours, a large proportion of the juice was destined for co-fermentation. We determined a blend of Sauvignon Blanc and Chenin Blanc prior to fermentation which went into old 600-liter barrels where it fermented for four months. After the fermentation was completed the blend was racked to a stainless-steel tank to which they added the rest of the Sauvignon Blanc, Chenin Blanc and Semillon. To have the varietals integrate the wine was left in barrel on the fine lees until its bottling date six months later. This helped to add more complexity and weight to the palate. The wine is produced as naturally as possible, with no additions of acids or enzymes.

Tasting note

A fine and seamless blend of 3 classic white grapes. Sauvignon Blanc aromas are prominent on the nose, with lime and prickly pear notes. A tight mineral core and creamy mid palate from the Chenin Blanc gives complexity and a persistent finish while a small proportion of Semillon adds texture and depth.

Food Match

Try with Sashimi of Tuna, smoked potato gnocchi or red snapper.

ABV:
14.00%

Case/Bottle Size:
6x 75cl

Closure:
Screwcap

Category:
Natural/Sustainable

Appellation:
Wo Stellenbosch

Winemaker:
Nadia Langenegger

Grape Varieties:
Semillon 5% Chenin Blanc 26% Sauvignon Blanc 69%

Suitable for:
Vegan

Allergen Info:
Contains Sulphites and No Other Allergens

Bottle Barcode:
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