

Bellingham The Bernard Series Viognier 2011

As the contrasting colours of straw and green hints suggest, the flavours of this wine are bold and upfront. The perfumed nose shows off aromas of pear, rose petals and subtle spice. All the aromas are carried through to the rich, full palate which has a hint of sweetness balanced by a racy acidity on the finish. The flavours linger invitingly on the aftertaste.

variety : Viognier | Viognier

winery : Bellingham Wines

winemaker : Niel Groenewald & Mario Damon

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis :

type : White **style :** Dry **body :** Full **taste :** Fruity **wooded**

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

in the vineyard : To his friends and family he was 'Pod', but to the Cape Winelands he was Bernard Podlashuk, the maverick winemaker. Never quite satisfied to be just ordinary, he is recognised for his daring vision, sheer audacity and unabated drive that helped place South African wine on the map. The legend of Bernard's tenacity and innovative lair lives on through The Bernard Series, Bellingham's premium range of extraordinary wines.

The grapes were hand-picked from a single nine-year-old vineyard on a gentle hillside slope in the Agter-Paarl area on the foothill of the Perdeberg mountain. Vines are trellised and grow on decomposed granite, perfect conditions for Viognier. Yields 5 tons per hectare.

Origin

Coastal Region - Agter-Paarl

about the harvest: Picked at an optimum ripeness of 25 degrees Balling.

in the cellar : Natural fermentation in second fill French oak barriques with 4% lees contact for a further seven months before bottling.

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