

Tokara Reserve Collection Sauvignon Blanc Noble Late Harvest 2012

The wine displays a stunning deep golden hue with a touch of amber.

The nose is intensely complex with notes of apples, greengage, quince, dried apricots and honeydew blossoms. The palate is rich and full with intense flavours that mirror that of the aromas on the nose.

The mid-palate is clean and silky with the wine finishing with an amazing freshness and a slight grip. The finish is not clawing but finishes with a stunning acidity and a hint of toasted oak. This wine is finely balanced with a low alcohol and perfect acid sugar balance.

This wine is perfectly served with foie gras or can be enjoyed as a dessert on its own. Otherwise it pairs well with fresh summer berries and a crème anglaise or a fresh vanilla pod ice cream.

variety : Sauvignon Blanc | 100% Sauvignon Blanc

winery : TOKARA Wines | Olive Oil

winemaker : Miles Mossop

wine of origin : Western Cape

analysis : alc : 11.94 % vol rs : 159.9 g/l pH : 3.52 ta : 8.8 g/l

type : Dessert **style :** Sweet **body :** Full **taste :** Fruity wooded

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

ageing : Enjoy from 2013 till 2022

in the vineyard : This is 100% Sauvignon blanc produced from botrytis grapes hand harvested from Tokara's Farm's Siberia; in the Hemel-en-Aarde Valley in the Walker Bay Area; and Highlands; in the Elgin District.

about the harvest: The grapes were hand-picked between the 12th and 15th April at sugars of between 37 and 41 degrees Brix and acidities of a round 9.0 g/l.

in the cellar :

Only the healthiest botrytis bunches were selected and picked into shallow crates and put into our cold store to bring the temperature of the grapes down to 4 degrees Celsius.

The grapes were delivered to our Stellenbosch winery the next day and further berry selection took place while loading the basket press. The grapes were whole bunch pressed overnight to extract all the juice possible and settled in stainless steel tank overnight. The following day the juice was racked to barrel and inoculated with selected yeast for fermentation.

The fermentation took around 8 months before stopping naturally.

Fermentation took place in seven 225-litre barriques of which 15 % was new French oak.

The wine spent 9 months in barrel before being filtered and bottled in January 2013. Only 3 700 1/2 bottles were produced.



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