

Ashbourne Sauvignon Blanc/Chardonnay 2014

variety : Sauvignon Blanc | Sauvignon Blanc 80%, Chardonnay 20%

winery : Ashbourne

winemaker : Hannes Storm

wine of origin : Walker Bay

analysis : alc : 12.64 % vol rs : 1.80 g/l ta : 6.90 g/l

type : White

pack : 0 **size :** 0 **closure :** 0

South African Benchmark Blends
Made by the Hamilton Russell family

in the vineyard : In general 2014 has been a challenging vintage, with warmth and Southeast drizzle in February creating ideal conditions for Botrytis (luckily - and with vigilance - well under control). This followed an unusually wet January with 1/5th of a year's rainfall occurring over 3 days in what should be a fairly dry month. Nevertheless, every harvest presents its set of challenges - reminding us that agriculture is a form of gambling with nature - and we have a sufficiently long experience of working our terroir to pre-empt and control many of the risks. What we thought would be a particularly late harvest is very much in-line with 2013.

in the cellar :

Barrel Maturation: None

Yield: 45hl/ha, 6.5t/ha

Production: 4500 cases

