

## Steenberg Magna Carta 2012

The nose shows aromas of elderflower, gooseberries and orange blossom. The palate is broad and textured with a bright line of acidity giving the wine backbone.

**variety :** Sauvignon Blanc | 60% Sauvignon Blanc, 40% Semillon

**winery :** Steenberg Vineyards

**winemaker :** JD Pretorius

**wine of origin :** Constantia

**analysis :** alc : 14.0 % vol    rs : 2.5 g/l    pH : 3.21    ta : 6.8 g/l

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

**pack :** Bottle    **size :** 750ml    **closure :** Cork

**ageing :** This Constantia White has all the elements to bottle age well, enjoyable now but will gain in complexity over the next twenty years.

**in the vineyard :** Blend : Sauvignon Blanc - 60% Semillon - 40%

Soil type: Clovelly/ Oakleaf/ Avalon

Trellising: Elongated Perold

Age of vines: 7 - 23 years

Pruning: Spur - 2 bud

Yield: 6 ton/Ha

Origin: Constantia

**about the harvest:** The two varieties are harvested separately.

Harvest date: March 2012

**in the cellar :** The two varieties are vinified separately according to their unique style before blending. The Sauvignon Blanc portion is made from old vines harvested at sugar levels of 23.5°-24B. Eighteen hour skin contact before pressing extracts mineral and green tones from the Sauvignon Blanc. The Semillon grapes are left to hang on the vine as long as possible to achieve the full ripeness that gives the wine its distinctive character. The clean juice is fermented in 500L and 600L French oak barrels (45% new oak). The wine was left in barrel for a further 6 weeks with regular batonage – a total of two months in barrel from start of fermentation to blending.

After blending, the wine went back into barrel, a combination of 500L and 600L French oak barrels used, 41% new, 30% second fill, 29% third fill. The wine spent a further 7 months in barrel before fining and bottling early January 2013 and has been maturing in bottle ever since.



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