

Foothills Vineyards The Partners White 2014

At core this is a white Bordeaux blend, with its Sauvignon freshness and rounded Semillon palate weight but the Viognier adds just enough exotic floral perfume and tropical flavours to make it interesting, take it to another level. The lees contact provides a light savoury element without intruding on the essential character of the wine.

Created to partner a wide variety of food.

variety : Sauvignon Blanc | 50% Sauvignon Blanc, 25% Semillon, 25% Viognier

winery : Foothills Vineyards / Klein Welmoed

winemaker : Bernard le Roux

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 13.5 % vol rs : 1.8 g/l pH : 3.24 ta : 5.8 g/l

type : White **taste :** Fruity

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

ageing : A limited release

in the vineyard : Located in the foothills of the towering Helderberg mountains, a mere 6km from False Bay and within sight of the Atlantic Ocean, these relatively high altitude vineyards enjoy the full benefit of cooling sea breezes and rolling ocean mists. The southern sloping, well-drained sand, gravel and granitic clay soils contribute to an ideal terroir promoting a natural balance between the vigour of the young vines and their yields.

about the harvest:

Age of Vines: Planted in 2008 and 2009

Clones: Sauvignon Blanc 316; Viognier VR1A; Semillon GD1D

Yield: 6tons/ha

Grapes are handpicked at 22.5° to 23° Balling in the morning when the weather is cooler, and placed in small lug boxes which reduces compaction and damage to the fruit. The grapes are then hand sorted on sorting tables.

in the cellar : Our experienced winemaker, Bernard Le Roux has been a part of the Foothills team since early 2014 and is passionate about producing site specific wines which reflect our unique terroir. The wine had about 6 months lees contact before bottling in October 2014 and is unoaked.

