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Asara Vineyard Collection Sauvignon Blanc 2017

A rich tropical profile with slight green fig aromas, the unmistakable hallmark of Mediterranean climate Sauvignon Blanc. Complex layers of creaminess and ripe tropical fruit with a mid-palate of citrus. An elegant wine with a limey zest finish.



variety : Sauvignon Blanc | 93% Sauvignon Blanc , 7% Semillon
winery : Asara Wine Estate and Hotel
winemaker : Danielle le Roux
wine of origin : Western Cape
analysis : **alc :** 13.5 % vol **rs :** 2.0 g/l **pH :** 3.25 **ta :** 6.1 g/l
type : White **style :** Dry **body :** Light **taste :** Fruity
pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Screwcap

Asara's Vineyards Range stays true to vineyard of origin by means of minimal cellar handling. The property is located in the Polkadraai Hills, whose primary terroir influence is granite based soils and undulating hills.

in the vineyard : The benefit of vineyard age is undeniable when building a rare complexity into wine. The vineyard that supplies the grapes for Asara's Sauvignon Blanc is the oldest on the farm at the age of 20 years, and none the worse for the passage of time. This owes in large part to the coolness of altitude and a red acidic soil type on which it is based. The richness and complexity currently found in the grapes owe, in the words of the winemaker, to "genetic memory" dating back over decades. The result is a tropical profile, citrusy and rich that yet is reminiscent of the green fruit qualities of the freshest style.

Vineyard
The oldest vineyard on the farm, aged at 20 years, planted at an altitude of 160m. East-facing rows enable direct sun exposure on the bunch zone once a day. The soil type is Oakleaf, structured and well drained. Vineyard effort is concentrated on the grapes, a natural consequence of age. Canopy micro-management is therefore critical to prevent sun overexposure on the grapes.

about the harvest: The vineyard yields an average of 6 tons per hectare of healthy, flavoursome grapes.

in the cellar : Acute observation of the cold chain preserves fruit freshness at every stage. The grapes are harvested in the cool of early morning into small lugs, for rapid transfer to cellar. After cooling overnight, whole bunches are sorted and gently pressed. Free run juice is kept separate. The wine resides for three months on the lees, rounding out the profile with nuttiness and cream. A portion of Botriver Sémillon is blended in to enhance elegance and longevity.