

Painted Wolf Pictus VI, 2017

An elegant, rich wine with a broad mouthfeel and a tight fresh finish. A focused melange of stone fruit, citrus, mineral and spice with a precise and refreshing finish.

variety : Grenache blanc | 43% Grenache Blanc, 37% Chenin Blanc, 20% Viognier

winery : Painted Wolf Wines

winemaker : Jeremy Borg

wine of origin : Coastal Region

analysis : alc : 13.17 % vol rs : 3.8 g/l pH : 3.35 ta : 6.1 g/l

type : White **style :** Dry

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

2019 Tim Atkin SA Special Report - 92 Points

2018 Cape White Blend Report - 92 Points

Platter's Wine Guide - 4½ Points

ageing : Pictus VI will mature in bottle for 4 - 6 years from vintage.

Pictus is named after the scientific name for an African Wild Dog, *Lycaon Pictus*, meaning Wolf in Greek and Painted in Latin. Pictus is made with meticulous care and blended from our favourite wines of the vintage. Most vintages of Pictus have labelled with a different piece of artwork. The artwork for Pictus VI is a watercolour by our dear friend and co-conspirator in all things design and art, Lori Bentley. Production of Pictus VI was limited to 7000 bottles.

in the vineyard : Created from Grenache Blanc produced by the Foundry in Stellenbosch blended with old vine Chenin Blanc grapes grown on two sites in the Agter Paarl and Viognier from Kasteelsig Vineyard, both of which were vinified by our wine maker Jeremy Borg, who then put together this blend.

in the cellar : 2017 was a dry vintage. We are usually able to buy Roussanne and Viognier grapes, but not in 2016. We vinified the Chenin and Viognier. The Grenache Blanc is surplus to requirement for a highly regarded wine, and we were thrilled to be able to buy this wine. The grapes were hand-picked into small baskets and whole bunch pressed. Both Chenin and Viognier were barrel fermented with wild yeast in 500 litre, new, second fill and older barrels, and left on lees for 9 months. Grenache Blanc and Roussanne were also barrel fermented in older barrels.

