

Benguela Cove Catalina Semillon 2018

This wine is ethereal and commanding at the same time. It allures with complex aromas of sweet peas, lemongrass, quince, orange blossom, greenage, white lily and fynbos. All these nuances reveal a remarkable fruit purity that lingers on the palate, etched with an oyster shell minerality and integrated acidity.

Serving temp: 10 - 12°C

Cellaring potential: Up to 10 years from vintage and beyond if cellared correctly.

variety : Semillon | 100% Semillon

winery : Benguela Cove Lagoon Wine Estate

winemaker : Johann Fourie

wine of origin : Walker Bay

analysis : **alc** : 13.6 % vol **rs** : 1.12 g/l **pH** : 3.15 **ta** : 7.0 g/l

type : White **style** : Dry

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

2020 Tim Atkin SA Special Report - 94 Points

2020 SA Terroir Wine Awards - National Winner

2020 SA Platter's Wine Guide - 5 Stars

2019 Michelangelo Awards - Gold

ageing : Aging potential: up to 12 years from vintage.

"More and more I find myself intrigued by this varietal, its ability to age and how it benefits from time in bottle. All the fine characteristics will be defined with age. It can be enjoyed in its youth, or be loved for its rich and layered secondary character as it ages."

The elegant wine debunks the myth of semillon as a workhorse in the 80's. It is admired for its intensity and ageability and this wine is the perfect example. It is a flagbearer for the estate, displaying definition and focus, complex yet gentle.

about the harvest: Grapes were hand-picked.

in the cellar : Grapes were hand-picked and sorted at the cellar. De-stemming and crushing was followed by two hours of skin contact. The juice was settled for 48 hours, racked and inoculated with a selected yeast strain. An 80% portion of the wine was barrel fermented and matured for nine months to add texture and complexity. The remaining component was fermented in tank at low temperatures to allow for maximum fruit and varietal expression.

Oak maturation: 9 months, 50% new 500L French oak production: 3 barrels.

