

## Bouchard Finlayson Blanc de Mer 2021

Typical youthful floral aromas precede a tight, vertically focussed palate. Flinty and mouth-watering acidity slices through delicious bright pineapple and nectar flavours, enlivening the senses. It will take time for the characteristic wet stone and kerosene details of Riesling to develop in the bottle.

Effortless drinking qualities make the Blanc de Mer a popular aperitif, however it's suitability to fresh seafood is unmatched - think Thai red prawn curry, bouillabaisse or simply oysters. The wine will also complement any picnic basket, packed for a whale watching excursion around the world renowned Walker Bay.

**variety :** Riesling | 54% Riesling, 22% Viognier, 19% Chardonnay, 5% Sauvignon Blanc

**winery :** Bouchard Finlayson Boutique Vineyard

**winemaker :** Chris Albrecht

**wine of origin :** Cape South Coast

**analysis :** alc : 12.75 % vol rs : 4.0 g/l pH : 3.22 ta : 6.8 g/l va : 0.38 g/l so2 : 90 mg/l

**type :** White **style :** Dry **body :** 0 **taste :** 0 **vegetarian**

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

Blanc de Mer offers more than it portrays, and its Riesling pedigree boasts a strong personality. It is an unusual blend from the Cape, where Riesling is virtually unknown as a blending partner. The name Blanc de Mer translates to 'white of the sea'. Taking its inspiration from the estate's proximity to Hermanus, where Southern Right whales calve during the late winter until early spring.

**in the cellar :** While estate-grown Riesling forms the basis of this unique blend, Viognier from various grower vineyards have contributed over the years - from the Overberg, Stellenbosch and even Upper Hemel-en-Aarde Valley. A mature vineyard in Elgin, with a significant granitic soil component, is currently delivering consistent results. Before pressing, all grapes are destemmed and fermented in a cool environment without oak. Sauvignon Blanc makes a return to the blend, mostly for aromatic diversity and palate refreshment.



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