

Bellingham The Founders Series Freda White Blend 2021

The revered treatment this Cape-style white blend receives from vineyard to cellar shows in its tasting. Delicate floral aromas entice on entry, with hints of pear drop, yellow peach and green almonds, which follow through onto the palate. The Sauvignon Blanc component adds a fresh element, providing balance to the considered use of French oak. On the finish, the wine delights with its pithy character and a slight saline edge for a lingering, fresh sensation.

With its aromatic bouquet, ripe tropical fruit and oak complexity, this luxurious wine is an excellent match for a wide variety of gourmet cuisine. Complementary dishes include salmon gravadlax, crayfish tandoori and confit duck.

variety : Chenin Blanc | 40% Chenin Blanc, 30% Grenache Blanc, 30% Sauvignon Blanc

winery : Bellingham Wines

winemaker : .

wine of origin : Western Cape

analysis : alc : 13.5 % vol rs : 3.0 g/l pH : 3.4 ta : 7.0 g/l

type : White **wooded**

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

2025 Decanter Awards - Gold
2023 Platter's Wine Guide - 5 Stars

in the vineyard : This is where the magic begins for this magnificent white blend, comprised of Chenin Blanc (40%), Grenache Blanc (30%), and Sauvignon Blanc (30%). The Chenin Blanc is from two deep-rooted, mature vineyards in Stellenbosch and Durbanville, where the decomposed granite soil contains a high clay content, leading to low stress levels, even in the driest of vintages. The unirrigated blocks deliver structure and varietal detail. The Grenache Blanc comes from the shallow decomposed-granite in the Voor-Paardeberg region, specifically chosen to reduce Grenache vigour and thus lends to the blend, while the weathered-shale Sauvignon Blanc (Wine of Origin Cape Town) ensures cool-climate freshness and elegance.

in the cellar : Grapes are hand picked in the vineyard and hand sorted again at the cellar to ensure that only the ripe and top quality fruit continue on the winemaking journey. All three cultivars are fermented in barrels and left on the lees for 12 months with regular battonage. Half of the Chenin Blanc is fermented in 300L barrels and half in a first-fill foudre. This large French oak vat enhances the fruitier qualities of the grape. The Grenache Blanc and Sauvignon Blanc are fermented in older barrels, and all barrels are cooled individually for gentle oak extraction and optimal flavour development. Only the finest barrels are selected to produce a mere 600 liters and only 800 bottles of this vintage.

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