

Benguela Cove Catalina Semillon 2021

"More and more I find myself intrigued by this grape varietal, the wine's ability to age, and how it benefits from time in the bottle. All the fine characteristics will be defined with age. It can be enjoyed young or be loved for a more rich and creamy palate as it ages. Looking at the 2021 vintage now just prior to release it shows what is typical of the grape and worlds' benchmark Semillons; shy at youth (nervous we call it) but patience will be rewarded as bottle maturation will add bouquet, depth and complexity in years to come." - Johann Fourie

variety : Semillon | 100% Semillon

winery : Benguela Cove Lagoon Wine Estate

winemaker : Johann Fourie

wine of origin : Walker Bay

analysis : alc : . % vol rs : . g/l pH : . ta : . g/l

type : White **style :** Dry **wooded**

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

2024 Platter's Wine Guide - 5 Stars

2023 Tim Atkin SA Special Report - 95 points

ageing : Up to 12 years from vintage and beyond if cellared correctly.

in the vineyard : Only being the third release, the wine made from this single vineyard Semillon has taken the world by storm. It is made from a 0.9-hectare single vineyard that performs extremely well every year and that communicates the purity of fruit and the longevity of the wine it produces. This vineyard's location and the diurnal temperature range have a profound impact on the varietal definition and style, with meticulous canopy management setting it up for continuous success.

about the harvest: Grapes were hand-picked in the cool morning and sorted in the cellar.

in the cellar : Destemming and crushing were followed by two hours of skin contact. The juice was settled for 48 hours, racked, and inoculated with a selected yeast strain. A 90% portion of the wine was barrel fermented and matured for nine months to add texture and complexity. The remaining component was fermented in tanks at low temperatures to allow for maximum fruit and varietal expression.

