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Waterford Blanc de Blanc Cap Classique 2020



Our Cap Classique is not rushed; it is a wine whose craft is patient and precise, accumulating a total of six years for its secondary fermentation. The Waterford Blanc de Blancs opens with fresh aromas of yellow apple and ripe pear, complemented by the inviting sweetness of caramelised apple strudel and the delicate character of dried pear. Softer notes of crisp, seedless green apple bring a fresh, vibrant edge to the nose.

On the palate, the wine reveals a beautifully rich and coating mouthfeel, with layers of orchard fruit carried by a lively, finely textured mousse. The exceptionally fine bubbles bring energy and elegance to the wine, balancing its richness with freshness and precision. The result is a Blanc de Blancs that captures both the generous texture of Chardonnay and the refined liveliness of a carefully crafted Cap Classique.

variety : Chardonnay | 100% Chardonnay
winery : Waterford Estate
winemaker : Mark Le Roux
wine of origin : Stellenbosch
analysis : **alc :** 10.15 % vol **rs :** 2.9 g/l **pH :** 3.11 **ta :** 7.2 g/l
type : Cap_Classique **style :** Dry **body :** Light **taste :** Fruity
pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Cork

ageing : 5 - 10 years from release.

At Waterford Estate, we embrace the harmonious collaboration between nature and the delicate balance of artistry and science to create truly authentic fine wines. Our wines embody a profound sense of place, culture, and an unwavering dedication to excellence. With a deep-rooted belief in transcending boundaries, we craft wines that offer a sensory journey, capturing the true essence of the Helderberg Mountain's terroir.

in the vineyard : This vineyard is planted on the Estate, with shallow gravel and white clay soils that provide optimal drainage, encourage root development, and impart distinct minerality to the Chardonnay grapes, enhancing the complexity and finesse of the resulting Cap Classique.

The 2020 vintage saw a further drop in temperature as the rainfall continues to return to normal levels. This vintage's conditions are reminiscent of that of 2014, with decent rainfall across the Winelands giving the vines the opportunity to grow a healthy crop size while the cooler temperatures allowed for a long hang time for the grapes, leading to fully ripened phenolics and tannins. This vintage is known for great structure and elegance, with the ability to age gracefully for many years.

in the cellar : Created by utilising Méthode Champenoise - the classic method of making champagne - our vintage Cap Classique is made from Chardonnay planted on the Estate and defined by secondary characteristics from extended ageing on its lees and in the bottle. The Chardonnay grapes undergo hand harvesting and are whole-bunch pressed in the cellar. Only the delicate free-run juice from the early stages of pressing is transferred into a stainless steel vessel for fermentation. Following fermentation, the wine is aged on the lees for 8 months before bottling.This vineyard is planted on the Estate, with shallow gravel and white clay soils that provide optimal drainage, encourage root development, and impart distinct minerality to the Chardonnay grapes, enhancing the complexity and finesse of the resulting Cap Classique.

Maturation: Aged under crownfor 6 years before degorging.

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