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GOUVERNEURS RESERVE



GRAPES	75% Semillon and 25% Sauvignon blanc
VINTAGE	2017
PRODUCTION AREA	Constantia, Western Cape
GPS CO-ORDINATES:	S 34 02 16, E 18 25 27
CLIMATE	Mediterranean climate with cool breezes from the Atlantic Ocean, with an average maximum temperature in summer of 26°C, and an average night-time low in winter of 8°C. The long-term average rainfall is 1100mm per year.
SOIL TYPE	Soil types ranging from deep red granite-based clay soil to red-brown loamy soil from granitic origin.
VITICULTURE	Both vineyards are trained on vertical shoot position trellis systems. Vineyard actions like pruning, canopy management and harvesting are done by hand. Pest control is done biologically, and soil health and weed control are managed by a selected mix of winter cover crop.
DATE OF HARVEST	Early March
WINEMAKING	The grapes were hand picked and vinified separately in 50% new oak and 25% second fill and 25% third and fourth fill French oak barrels. The wine matured on its lees for 10 months before bottling then aged in bottle for another 12 months before released.
PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	Initially this white blend shows ripe summer fruit and elderflower on the nose, with subtle hints of green peas that opens up in the glass. The palate has lovely weight and complexity, the ripe fruit is beautifully balanced with the fresh acidity.
ANALYSIS	Alcohol content: 13.19 %; Total acidity: 6.2 g/l; pH: 3.25; Residual sugar: 2.2 g/l; Extract: 21.10 g/l
WINEMAKER	Boela Gerber
ASSISTANT WINEMAKER	Rudolph Steenkamp

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