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GOUVERNEURS RESERVE



GRAPES	40% Semillon and 60% Sauvignon blanc
VINTAGE	2023
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	The grapes are from vineyards that vary between 50m for the lowest Semillon to 240m above sea level for the highest Sauvignon blanc. All the slopes are south to southeast facing. Both the Sauvignon blanc and Semillon yields an average of 6 t/ha. The soil types vary from deep red clay soil to red-brown loamy soil, both from granitic origin.
VITICULTURE	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	The 2023 Gouverneurs Reserve White shows ripe tropical fruit like lychee and passionfruit with hints of orange zest, lemon, and lime. Aging in 500L French oak barrels adds a touch of honey and toasted almonds to the nose. Flavours of citrus and lime follows on the palate with subtle notes of elderflower. The palate is fresh and elegant with a beautiful intensity that shows great aging potential.
SPECIFICATIONS	Alcohol content: 13.3 %; Total acidity: 5.7 g/l; pH: 3.37; Residual sugar: 3.8 g/l; Extract: 20 g/l
WINEMAKER	Daniel Keulder
ASSISTANT WINEMAKER	Shannon Jacobs

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