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CEDERBERG

SOUTH AFRICA

SAUVIGNON BLANC 2023

With a cool continental climate, diverse soil types, unpolluted air and free-flowing crystal clear waters, Cederberg wines are situated at 1 036 meters above sea level in a virus free area. This means 250 kilometres from Cape Town you will find the highest laying wine farm in the Western Cape. The weather is described as cool continental. In summer expect a dramatic temperature drop at night and in winter snow capped mountains.

VINEYARDS

Facing:	South and east
Soil types:	Slate and sandstone
Age:	Average 17 years
Planted:	14.06 ha
Yield per hectare:	9 t/ha
Trellised:	Extended six-wire Perold
Irrigation:	Supplementary
Clone:	SB316 on Richter 99, SB10 on Richter 110
Harvest date:	02 February – 12 February 2023

WINEMAKING

Grapes are hand-harvested in the early morning at 20–23.5 °B. The winemaking process is done in reductive conditions with the use of dry ice and carbon dioxide gas. Grapes are crushed at 8 °C with approximately two to four hours of skin contact before a light pressing. Two days of juice settling is followed by racking and the addition of selected yeast. Fermentation is at 11 °C for approximately 24 days. Finally, the wine is further matured on fine lees for an additional four months with a monthly bâtonnage before the final blending and bottling.

ANALYSIS

Alc 13% vol TA 6.46 g/l RS 2.54 g/l pH 3.6

TASTING NOTES BY SANDY HARPER CWM

This cool-climate Sauvignon Blanc beguiles with a translucent, palest-of-yellow colour. An expressive nose of Cape gooseberry, granadilla (passion fruit), pineapple, kiwifruit and hints of lime citrus leads to a gentle palate that is both savoury and creamy, followed by a clean finish of refreshing Granny Smith green apples.

Optimum Drinking Time: One to three years.

FOOD PAIRING

This wine is a summer sensation and will pair perfectly with a simple salad with a vinaigrette dressing or any Ottolenghi-style exotic salads – think caramelised fig, orange and feta salad with loads of wild rocket or quinoa salad with sour cherries and feta. Or try grilled chèvre on toasted sourdough bread. This wine is also a sensational partner to tomato-based dishes and any type of goat's milk cheese.

ACCOLADES

Gilbert & Gaillard '23: Double Gold Medal (91 points) – 2022 vintage
Concours Mondial du Sauvignon '22: Silver – 2021 vintage
Michelangelo Awards '21: Gold – 2021 vintage
Platter's SA Wine Guide '22: 4 stars – 2021 vintage

