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CAP CLASSIQUE
PIETER FERREIRA

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EXTRA BRUT

75% Chardonnay

25% Pinot Noir

Alcohol: 11,83 %vol

TA: 7,7 g/l

pH: 3.16

RS: 3,5 g/l – Extra Brut

ORIGIN OF GRAPES VINEYARDS & SOILS

For the Chardonnay – which makes up 75% of the blend – grapes were selected from two diverse geographical areas in the Cape Winelands, namely Napier (52%) and Robertson (48%). Both regions offer distinctive nuances in their fruit allowing intriguing complexity. The wine's Pinot Noir component originates from a single vineyard parcel in Napier. This diversity of terroir behind the Birdsong wine allows for the expression of various soils, including weathered shale, rich limestone deposits and decomposed granite.

WINEMAKING PHILOSOPHY & WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

Both Chardonnay and Pinot Noir are hand-selected in the vineyard and picked by hand. The grapes were whole-bunch pressed and with the separation of cuvée from the taille, the clear cuvée juice components were individually fermented in stainless steel tank. After fermentation the various individual sections were selected in a rigorous tasting process to ensure only the finest portions are used for the Birdsong blend. After blending the wine was prepared for secondary fermentation in the bottle. Here, in bottle, the wine was allowed to live on the lees for four years before the sediment was removed through the traditional process of remuage and dégorgement. The bottles were then corked and laid down for a further period of maturation under cork.

TASTING NOTES

Lovely light straw in colour with an exceptionally fine bead of bubbles. Hints of citrus and white fruit aromatics are layered with a rich element of brioche. Fine entry on palate, being supported by red berry fruit with definite notes of raspberry. Bright acidity leads the wine's layered vibrancy and elevates mid-palate complexity which features a slight maritime character. The finish is luxurious in persistence, with a final flourish of brioche, citrus and a intoxicating floral note.