

THE BERNARD SERIES



WHOLE BUNCH ROUSSANNE 2016

The Bernard series is a tribute to our founder, Bernard Podlashuk a trail-blazing visionary whose maverick approach and bold risks helped shape the course of South African wine. This wine is thoroughly contemporary, elaborately intricate, with a compelling individualistic character that celebrates Pod's proud of innovation and fearless experimentation with new varietals and wine styles.

Winemaker: Niël Groenewald

Varietals: 100% Roussanne

Origin: Coastal Region, Paarl

In the Vineyard:

Roussanne has very small plantings in the Cape and these grapes are grown in ancient weathered granite soils in small 10 year old vineyards where modest yields of between seven and nine tons per hectare produce great fruit, minerality and natural acidity that reflects typical Agter-Paarl pedigree.

In the Cellar:

Harvested by hand at optimal ripeness and softly pressed in whole bunches with reverence to the delicate skins of this variety. Cold fermentation in tanks preserves the inherent traits and fruit expressions.

Winemaker's Tasting Notes:

A deeply fascinating wine with graceful wild Cape flowers, indigenous fynbos and herbal tea aromas supported by soft kiwi, tropical pineapple and peach kernel vivacity well integrated with a subtly spiced finish laced with hints of honey richness. A unique white wine that delivers vibrant fruit and bracing freshness in youth, although still generous in structure to develop intriguing depth and dimension for up to five years in the cellar. This is a fantastic wine for gastronomy with power and weight to add complexity with a wide variety of flavours and textures.

Alc 13.5% | RS 5.0 g/l | pH 3.32 | TA 6.0 g/l

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