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BOUCHARD FINLAYSON

BLANC DE MER, BOUCHARD FINLAYSON

Vintage 2024



TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol	Residual sugar
13.1	4.4
pH	**Acidity**
3.14	6.6

Blanc de Mer is an unusual blend from the Cape where Riesling is virtually unknown as a blending partner; this is a wine with a lot of personality.

TASTING NOTE

Lifted and perfumed in style. Striking rosewater, tangerine and orange blossom flow from the glass. The complex and layered palate reveal fresh-cut apple, dried apricot and pickled ginger, flanked by subtle sea salt. Supple, yet refreshing with a well balanced finish. Expect the wine to build a textural element, as the Riesling component finds its voice. The 2024 blend consists of 67% Riesling, 19% Viognier and 14% Chardonnay

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Good rainfall was received during winter, but unfortunately wet conditions continued into the growing season – the cumulative summer precipitation nearly equalling the annual average. On Heritage weekend of 24 September, historic maximum rainfall data was revised when a massive 196mm event caused devastating flooding and landslides across the region. Wet and windy conditions prevailed during flower, reducing yields on most cultivars. Fortunately, the inclement weather dissipated before the onset of harvest, allowing ripeness to progress unhindered on the small and concentrated crop. Picking started in the second week of February, but in a very congested fashion, as ripening of various cultivars converged towards the first week of March.

VINIFICATION DETAILS

While estate-grown Riesling forms the majority of this unique blend, Viognier from a well-established vineyard in Paarl made another appearance. The fruit arrived ripe and healthy – beautifully complementing the steely acidity of our own grapes. All bunches were fully destemmed before pressing and were allowed a cool fermentation in stainless steel. A portion of whole-bunch pressed Chardonnay, also seeing no oak, completed the blend. The wine was bottled in June 2024.

ATTRIBUTES

Origin	Variety	Malolactic Fermentation	Bottle Size	Vegetarian
South Africa	White Blend	No	75cl	Yes

Winemaker	Fining Agent	Closure	Region	Vegan
Chris Albrecht	Bentonite	Screw top	Cape South Coast	Yes