



## Patatsfontein Wines

2020

# “PATATSFONTEIN - DOORTJIE”

*Colombard | Montagu - South Africa*



NATURAL



ORGANIC



VEGAN

### Stats

**Grapes:** 100% Colombard  
**Vineyard:** Patatsfontein Vineyard - Doortjie Block  
**Vine Age:** 34-years-old  
**Soil Type:** Limestone riddled Karoo grey slate  
**Viticulture:** Practicing Organic  
**Fermentation:** Native – neutral 600L French oak puncheon  
**Skin Contact:** None  
**Aging:** 10 months sur-lie in a single 600L neutral French puncheon  
**Alcohol:** 13.1%  
**pH:** 3.24  
**Total Acidity:** 6.1 g/L  
**Total SO2:** 62 ppm  
**Total Production:** 66 cases  
**UPC:** 6008409000182

### Reviews

Platter's Guide | 94 points  
Tim Atkin, MW | 93 points  
The WineMag | 92 points

### About

For the first time since working with this site, Reenen felt the Colombard should stand on its own. The intensity of the 2020 vintage coupled with intense vineyard work has resulted in a terroir-driven wine that in many ways transforms this variety. This true destination vineyard in Montagu has become somewhat of a cult sensation by those in the know and while quantities are very small, one 600L barrel for this vintage, the 'Doortjie' appears to be the next wine in the stable of great single-vineyard offerings. The wine is named after the Dutch word for 'door' as this block is the first one after you enter into the vineyard.

The fruit was hand-harvested and chilled overnight. The next morning the fruit was entirely whole-bunch pressed directly to a single 600L old French barrel. The wine settled lightly for 24 hours prior to being stirred up a bit to get the fermentation quickly started without any additions. After that one light handling the wine sat on its primary lees without any battonage over a 10 month period of time. It was bottled directly from barrel without fining but with a coarse filtration and a small 45ppm addition of sulfur.

### Tasting Note

This shows subtle aromatics of pear, peach skin, a salty mineral tone and a subtle aroma of wet earth leading to a palate with ample fruit but by no means abrasive. The palate has a tea note that definitely highlights the complexity this often maligned grape can have. The moderate acid leads to a savory and long finish tying in a wine that can certainly evolve over the next 5-10 years nicely.