

Paulus Wine Co.

2023

'BARTÀS'

Chenin Blanc | *Stellenbosch - South Africa*

NATURAL VEGAN

Stats

Grapes: 100% Chenin Blanc
Vineyard: Rustenhof Vineyard
Vine Age: 46-years-old
Soil Type: Decomposed granite
Viticulture: Sustainable - dry-farmed
Fermentation: Native – old 500L oak barrels (100% whole-bunch pressed)
Skin Contact: None
Aging: 12 months on lees in old 500L oak barrels
Alcohol: 12.5%
pH: 3.26
Total Acidity: 6.2 g/L
Total SO2: 90 ppm
Total Production: 150 cases
UPC: 658325060157

Reviews

James Suckling | 94 points
Tim Atkin, MW | 94 points
Jancis Robinson | 17.5 points

About

Barta s is a small word that packs in a whole lot of meaning. It is French (Occitan) slang for 'walking/struggling in the bush/vineyard to find your way to the cliff.' This metaphor represents Paul Jordaan and Pauline Roux's wine journey, and it's a nice homage to Pauline's French heritage. They found their way, struggling along the cliff, and finally jumped to start a new wine adventure. The Chenin Blanc fruit comes from the Rustenhof farm, off a small granite hill called Mount of Sinai (the mountain of 'thorn bush' in Hebrew). The block is located on shallow and warm granite soils in the Helderberg, the most southern part of the Stellenbosch region. The hillside is planted from top to bottom with dry farmed Chenin Blanc bushvines, which run along with the contour of the hill. From up there you can see the waves breaking only few kilometers away. The block is facing directly into the predominant south eastern wind direction. Both of these, the wind and the ocean, have a phenomenal cooling effect during the summer months as well as the general growing pattern throughout the year, causing this to be their earliest pick of the season.

The Chenin Blanc fruit comes from vines planted in 1978 and is manually harvested before being brought back to the cellar. It was whole bunch pressed into old oak barrels, and then went through spontaneous fermentation. It matured in 500 liter barrels for 12 months before it was racked and bottled without fining or filtering, and with just a small dosage of SO2.

Tasting Notes

This vintage is a witness to precision and focus. With hints of citrus and white flowers that dance on the palate, the wine culminates in a long, energetic finish, leaving a lasting impression.