



## Paulus Wine Co.

2021

# 'BARTÀS'

*Chenin Blanc* | *Stellenbosch - South Africa*



NATURAL



VEGAN

### Stats

**Grapes:** 100% Chenin Blanc  
**Vineyard:** Rustenhof Vineyard  
**Vine Age:** 44-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 then 6 months in bottle  
**Alcohol:** 13%  
**pH:** 3.3  
**Total Acidity:** 5.8 g/L  
**Total Production:** 150 cases

### About

Bartàs 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.' It's a beautiful metaphor of Paul Jordaan and Pauline Roux's wine journey, and 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 is whole bunch pressed into old oak barrels, and then undergoes spontaneous fermentation. It matures in 500 liter barrels for 12 months, before racked and bottled, without fining or filtering, and with just a small dosage of SO<sub>2</sub>.

### Tasting Notes

On the nose, there is a beautiful medley of citrus, fresh fruits, green pineapple and cantaloupe. The palate shows precision and tension - pure fruit shows against snappy, racy acidity before a finish that is long and pithy, wonderfully refined with a crystalline structure.