



Background

Paulus Wine Co is a small, Chenin Blanc-focused wine label started by two rising stars in South Africa's Swartland, Paul Jordaan and Pauline Roux. Paul and Pauline met while working on the Paardeberg for Eben Sadie and the Mullineuxs, respectively, two of South Africa's most revered names in the wine world. Pauline shared Paul's vision for telling the stories of place-based wines, and in 2018, they founded Paulus Wine Co. Their first wine, Bosberaad, is a Swartland Chenin Blanc from the granitic soils of the Paardeberg Mountain. It means 'a meeting in nature' in Afrikaans, capturing their philosophy of balance. Neal Martin of Vinous called the 2019 Bosberaad "one of the best Chenin Blanc wines that I have tasted in a long time." In 2021, they introduced Bartàs, a Chenin Blanc from Stellenbosch, which is named for the French (Occitan) slang word for 'stumbling in the bush to find your way to the cliff.' It's a beautiful metaphor of their wine journey, and a nice homage to Pauline's French heritage. The future is bright for these two young guns.

Highlights

- 1** Paulus Wine Co. was founded in the Swartland by Paul Jordaan & Pauline Roux. Paul was formerly the head winemaker at Sadie Family.
- 2** Paul & Pauline focus solely on two different Chenin Blanc expressions on granite: one from the Swartland and one from Stellenbosch.
- 3** The wines are richly textured with punchy acidity and give a great name to South African Chenin Blancs.

Wines SRP \$50

'Bosberaad' Chenin Blanc

'Bosberaad' comes from the Waterval Farm on the Paardeberg Mountain (Swartland). It ferments and ages in concrete and used oak, and it shows a rich fruit core with great texture and subtle reduction.



'Bartàs' Chenin Blanc

This one comes from a block of the Rustenhof Vineyard in Stellenbosch planted in 1978. It ferments and ages in used oak, and has a distinct minerality from its proximity to False Bay.



Ethos



NATURAL



ORGANIC



VEGAN

Packaging



Press

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The old vine concentration is complemented by notes of fresh bread and lanolin, stony intensity and flavours of pear.

93 points

TIM ATKIN MW
'Bosberaad' Chenin Blanc 2023