

RD RADFORD DALE ORGANIC REVELATION SEMILLON 2022

This wine marks our maiden vintage from Radford Dale Organic our Estate, in Elgin . Semillon is one of the Cape's true heritage varieties, with origins as early as the 17th century (so widely planted in the 1800s that it become known as "Groen druif", which translates to *Green Grape*). Currently, this varietal accounts for only 2% of the total vineyard plantings in South Africa. Our initial engagement with this varietal, in the 2022 vintage, was such a revelation that we bestowed that sensation upon the name of this wine. Even though this is a heritage grape of the Cape, it is a first for Radford Dale and the start of a new and exciting wine journey.

INTHEVINEYARD

The grapes for this wine come from two blocks on the Estate. This first is a high-density block (10,000 vines / Hectare), planted in 2009. The second block was planted in 2016. The 2021 Winter conditions were excellent, characterised by above-average cold units with a higher-than-normal rainfall. Due to the cool, windy, and rainy weather that prevailed throughout most of the season, diligent disease control was essential. Canopies were exceptionally lush throughout the season and required continuous management. We experienced a relatively dry but cool harvest season. Overall, this confluence of conditions led to well-developed bunches with great aromatic complexity and lovely, restraining acidity.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were all hand-picked at dawn to capture freshness and acidity while retaining elegance in the flavour expression. The grapes were brought into our Organic cellar on the Estate and hand-fed over a sorting table. The bunches were destemmed into the press and left for a 24 hour cold soak, on the skins, before pressing. The juice was then moved to seasoned Burgundian barrels for fermentation. The alcoholic fermentation was entirely carried-out in barrel (using natural ambient yeast only). The wine was then racked out of barrel after 10 months on the lees, assembled and settled before bottling, almost a year after picking.

WINEMAKERS NOTES

This wine is a harmonious combination of lemon, grapefruit, and cape gooseberry flavours, complemented by delicate floral notes and an emergence of stone dust. It bears a lovely concentration of fruit, a gentle weight, and a dynamic acidity-tension, culminating in a clean and fresh finish that leaves an on-going impression.

TECHNICAL BITS

Varietal	Semillon
Appellation	Elgin, South Africa
Analysis	Alcohol 13.5%vol
	Total acidity 6.2g/L
	pH 3.30
	Residual sugar 2.6g/L



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