



- **Country:** South Africa
- **Region:** Coastal Region & Breede River Valley
- **Subregion:** Paarl-Perdeberg, Slanghoek, Philadelphia, Breedekloof & Stellenbosch
- **Vintage:** 2020
- **Colour:** White
- **Grape Variety:** Sauvignon Blanc
- **ABV:** 13%
- **Bottle Size:** 75cl
- **Closure:** Screwcap
- **Style:** Citrus and tropical
- **Drink With:** Asparagus, goat's cheese, shellfish or simply by itself.

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INDABA SAUVIGNON BLANC

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A crowd pleaser, this easy drinking Sauvignon Blanc displays appealing citrus and tropical fruit aromas that lead to a fresh, invigorating palate of pineapple, lemon-lime, mango and green fig. Backed by a solid acidity, herbal undertones shine through on the mineral-tinged finish and luscious tropical fruit.

With the origin of this wine coming from a spectrum of vineyard areas, great complexity has been achieved for a remarkably affordable price.

The herbal and zesty citrus character of the wine is due to the grapes from cooler coastal regions, while the fullness of flavour and tropical profiles is thanks to the warmer climate fruit. The grapes for Indaba Sauvignon Blanc were crushed and gently pressed after being harvested in the cool morning hours. Cold fermentation in stainless steel tanks took place after the juice was chilled and settled. The wine was then aged for three months on its lees before blending and bottling.

WHY WE LIKE THIS WINE

Sauvignon Blanc is not normally very impressive at the lower end of the market but this wine definitely breaks the rule. Thanks to a wide variety of fruit origins, the wine has complexity and depth of flavour while retaining all of the Sauvignon Blanc character. It's fresh as a daisy with mouth-watering fruit flavours and is great to drink either by itself or with foods such as asparagus, goat's cheese or shellfish.

FROM STEPHEN TANZER'S INTERNATIONAL WINE CELLAR:

Very pale straw.

Flowers, stone fruits and a tropical hint on the soft, welcoming nose.

Lush, broad and slightly sweet (4.5g/l residual sugar) with lime and mango flavours given shape by ripe, harmonious acidity.

A "warmer" blend of many sites.

Slightly saline on the finish. 87 Points

ABOUT THE GROWER

Leading the world in sustainability, South Africa is largely considered to be the greenest wine region on earth. Indaba wines are crafted in the Cape Floral Kingdom, the smallest, yet most diverse of the six plant kingdoms described by botanist

Ronald Good. The look and spirit of Indaba reflects both South Africa's position as a leader in sustainable production and the handcrafted approach found in the country's art world.

Indaba is a Zulu word meaning "a meeting of the minds", a traditional gathering of tribal leaders for sharing ideas. Indaba was created as a celebration of the democratisation process in South Africa and it embodies the notion of coming together. Indaba is taking its long-standing commitment to education in the vineyard to the next level by kick starting the WELL Project (Winelands Education for Living and Learning) in South Africa. The Project will support childhood development by providing infrastructure, learning materials and teacher training at schools established for wineland workers' children.

Indaba sales also provide financial assistance to the Pinotage Youth Development Academy, a program that assists motivated but currently unemployed South African young adults by providing a combination of technical and personal life skills, supported by work opportunities on farms.

Established by Cape Classics, a portion of the proceeds from the Indaba wine brand's global sales support the newly-created Indaba Education Fund (IEF). Formerly known as the Indaba Scholarship, Indaba has provided many bursaries for students to pursue wine-industry-related graduate and post-graduate studies since 1998. Via IEF, Indaba is further boosting its commitment to education by shifting its focus to the crucial area of early childhood development (ECD). The Indaba Education Fund's mission will be to provide teacher training, infrastructure and learning materials all based on a Montessori approach, at schools established for wine farm workers' children in the Cape Winelands. This training is coordinated in the Winelands through the Stellenbosch-based Sustainability Institute and the Newberry House School. IEF aims to implement positive changes in society by starting at the beginning – identifying and fostering untapped potential in children at an early, receptive and influential age in hopes of encouraging brighter futures.

In order to preserve the precious nature of the area, Indaba takes careful measures to ensure that conservation and sustainability remain top priorities during the production of its wines. Indaba wines are Integrity and Sustainability Certified and every bottle has a sustainability seal displayed on its capsule. Certified by the Wine and Spirit Board of South Africa, this seal is a guarantee of the wine's origin, vintage and variety as stated on the wine label. It is also a guarantee that the wine complies with IPW criteria – Integrated Production of Wine, a voluntary environmental protection program established by the South African wine industry. The seal verifies that your bottle of Indaba was crafted under strict guidelines requiring eco-friendly wine production and sustainable agricultural, manufacturing and packaging practices.

Indaba wines are crafted by winemaker Bruwer Raats, who has been with the estate since 2008. Bruwer is also proprietor and winemaker of internationally acclaimed Raats Family Wines in South Africa. He brings extensive knowledge and a personal devotion to Indaba, aiming to create handcrafted wines that are fresh, juicy and approachable.

Bruwer oversees the sourcing of grapes and works closely with the various growers (most of them under long-term contract with Indaba) to impact viticulture decisions and to drive the ultimate style of the wines. All grapes are handpicked with meticulous attention to detail. The result is a range of wines that are truly distinctive representations of the soil in which they are grown, remaining food

friendly and offering something for every palate. Consistently garnering “Best Value” and “Best Buy” accolades, Indaba Wines deliver character and structure well beyond their price.