

MAGDALENA

THE LANDSCAPE SERIES

2023 SEMILLON

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ABOUT

The Landscape Series is a range of five wines that show the best of Gabriëlskloof's vineyards, together with some special old vine treasures, and aims to give an honest representation of the elements that make them unique. We wanted the labels to reflect this approach and commissioned Niël Jonker – well-known for his landscape panels painted on location – to capture the spirit of our Overberg landscapes.

VINEYARD NOTES

Harvest '23 was characterised by low yields and early ripening, resulting in wines of excellent concentration and marked freshness, particularly in the whites. Some 30% of the old-vine Semillon is from a 32-year-old vineyard at Goederust, Franschhoek, 42% from a 60-year-old vineyard at Paardebosch, Swartland. This vintage also includes 28% of our own Semillon (planted 2006).

WINEMAKING

All fruit was whole bunch pressed and 100% wild fermented in 400- and 500L French barrels (20% of which was new barrels, light toast). The wine spent ten months on its lees before blending and bottling.

TASTING NOTE

Bruised apples, thatch and chamomile are prominent on a richly exotic nose, supported by ginger and Thai basil. Flavours of yellow pear, lemon drop and greengage brighten the palate while quince and dark honey combine for a textured and slightly viscous finish. Decadent, but delicately so.

TECHNICAL

Alc 13.4 | RS 2.7 | TA 6.1 | pH 3.26

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