

VONDELING

Rurale 2013

The original Vondeling farm dates back to 1704 with a wine making tradition stretching back over three centuries.

Englishman Julian Johnsen, Managing director and co-owner, has been nurturing the 40 hectare vineyards with the five families who have been living and working on Vondeling Farm since 2002.

Vondeling Rurale, makes use of Chardonnay grapes located on a south-west facing slope of the Paardeberg Mountain in South Africa.

The name Rurale is the original name for what was later recognized by the French A.O.C as Méthode Ancestral.

Only 1200 bottles of the 2013 vintage were produced.

Pale straw in colour with tiny bubbles and a fine mousse. Citrus and toasted almond brioche aromas. Dry and creamy with crisp apple and a floral burst.

Food & Wine Pairing: Smoked salmon sandwiches, fennel roasted mountain trout or fresh oysters with a squeeze of lemon juice and some salt and pepper.

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GLASS of BUBBLY
INTERVIEW

MATTHEW COPELAND

SENIOR WINEMAKER AT VONDELING

How long have you been making sparkling wine?

Our sparkling wine is made in the old Methode Ancestral tradition and we are the first winery in South Africa to be recognised as a producer of this style. The project began in 2013.

How do you see the future of South African sparkling wine?

I believe that South African sparkling wine has a bright future. Locals love bubbles and the traditional sparkling wine is strenuously controlled. Perhaps because of these two reasons, South African Methode Cap Classic, as it is called here, has been highly praised, as recently as last week by Jancis Robinson. Our own little wine received a 16/20.

What is your favourite food pairing with your sparkling wine?

I'm a sucker for oysters, but that's a bit of a cliché now... so I'd have to go with smoked pate made from a local oily fish called snoek. Mmm delicious!

Where's the most memorable place you've enjoyed a Glass of Bubbly?

We have an old Dutch East India cannon on the highest peak of our property. It overlooks the Atlantic Ocean and specifically Capetown's Table Bay. It was used to signal to the Free Citizens of the Cape when ships had arrived and that they should hasten to make their trades. The view is spectacular and the sense of timelessness intoxicating. Throw in a few friends and a sunset and you're just, just south of heaven.