



Villiera Traditional Bush Vine Sauvignon Blanc 2014

main variety Sauvignon Blanc

vintage 2014

analysis alc: 12.5 | ph: 3.54 | rs: 1.8 | ta: 5.8

type White

producer Villiera Wines

style Dry

winemaker Jeff Grier

taste Fragrant

wine of origin Stellenbosch

body Medium

tasting notes

The Traditional Bush Vine style of Sauvignon Blanc focuses on the greener spectrum of varietal character. The bunches hang in the shade and harvesting occurs early to ensure a refreshing style, displaying green pepper and fig with some smokiness. It is intensely flavoured with good structure and it has the ability to keep. With age it develops asparagus like aromas and on the palate it softens.

blend information

100% Sauvignon Blanc

in the vineyard

At Villiera we have an old, single bush vine vineyard with the weather station clone of Sauvignon Blanc. It has the ability to produce a unique, intense style that we felt was worthy of its own platform. The bush vine system is a traditional training method especially suited to unirrigated vineyards. The limited yield ensures early ripening.

about the harvest

The grapes are handpicked and sorted. Picking occurs in the morning to take advantage of cooler conditions and the fruit is protected from oxidation. Picking from bush vines requires a back breaking effort but it is worth it.

in the cellar

On arrival at the cellar the grapes are lightly crushed and destalked before being pumped to our pneumatic tank presses where 8 hours of skin contact is allowed for maximum extraction of varietal character. Gentle pressing and fraction separation are utilized to limit phenolic content. After a 48 hour settling the fresh juice is racked into cold fermentation with a neutral yeast. Lees contact is limited and bottling occurs early to capture the freshness of the grape.