

# Steenberg Sauvignon Blanc Reserve 2003

main variety Sauvignon Blanc vintage 2003

analysis alc: 14.14 | ph: 3.22 | rs: 3.9 | ta: 7.2

type White

producer Steenberg Vineyards winemaker John Loubser wine of origin Coastal

### tasting notes

Veritas 2003 - Double GoldJohn Platter 2003 - 5 starsJohn Platter 2004 - 5 starsMichelangelo International Wine Awards 2003 - SilverBest in Class Gold - International Wine and Spirit Competition (IWSC) 2005Young Wine Show 2003 - Class Winner; GoldThis Sauvignon Blanc Reserve is made from one selected vineyard which produces the same style of wine every year. It reflects the fresh, crisp and flinty characteristics of grass, peppers and nettles. A long firm and creamy aftertaste makes this a truly distinctive Sauvignon Blanc. It is a true expression of cool climate Steenberg terroir.

#### blend information

100% Sauvignon Blanc

#### in the vineyard

Soil type: ClovellyTrellising: Elongated PeroldAge of vines: 18 yearsPruning: Spur - 2 budYield: 6 Ton/HaRootstock: Richter 110Clone: Weerstasie/159

#### about the harvest

The grapes were harvested at sugar level of about 24.5°B on the 13th February 2003.

## in the cellar

The grapes were crushed and pumped into drainer tanks and then left on the skins for 6 hours. The grapes were then pressed and the juice was left to settle clean over 48 hours. The clear juice was racked and then inoculated with yeast. Fermentation took place in stainless steel tanks for 18 days at  $13 - 14 \hat{A}^{\circ} \text{C}$ . The wine was handled reductively throughout vinification and bottled in June 2003.