



Hereafter

Here 2020

Hereafter Here is a young vineyard wine. The great thing about planting young vines is that you can choose the site and the material purely for the sake of quality wine. Some of our favourite growers have already planted new vines, as will we on our own farm in the coming years. I find the idea of planting for the future very exciting! Our kids will have nice mature vines to work with.

Vineyards

This maiden vintage is based on two young blocks in Stellenbosch. The main contributor is jokingly called Baby Duck (long story). Baby Duck is planted on granite soils on a gentle southern slope in the Polkadraai Hills ward in Stellenbosch. The second vineyard is planted in the Upper Blaauwklippen Valley on deep red soil. In future vintages we will be able to include young vineyards from our other sites, most especially our own farm in the Swartland.

Winemaking and Maturation

The grapes are hand sorted and whole bunch pressed. The juice is very lightly settled (we like very cloudy raw juice) with no additions to the raw juice, wild fermentation in old barrels (various sizes). Fermentation can last anywhere between three weeks and eleven months. The wine is kept on lees for around twelve months, then rested in tank on fine lees without fining for a further six months prior to bottling. Very simple, careful winemaking.

Tasting Notes

The wine is full-bodied and bright, lovely nose of pear juice, yellow fruit and blossoms, very fine palate, rich enough for the table, refreshing enough to be an apéritif. See for yourself.

Technical Details

100% Chenin Blanc (Bushvines)

Wine of origin: Western Cape

Production: 9036 Bottles

Bottling: June 2021

Alcohol: 13.69%

RS: 1.8 g/litre

TA: 5.4 g/litre

pH: 3.39

The Name: Hereafter Here speaks about a time to come in the place we love. It obviously sounds a bit like *year after year*, denoting the passage of time. Hopefully it raises feelings of the nostalgia of future generations, of legacy and hope.