

Darling Sauvignon Blanc 2019

Darling, Coastal Region, South Africa



PRODUCER

Fairview is situated on the lower slopes of Mount Paarl, which is more sheltered from the moderating maritime influence than nearby Stellenbosch. Vines were planted here as early as 1699. The property was bought by the grandfather of current owner Charles Back in 1937. Fairview has a reputation for consistent quality across a range of innovative styles, using both classic and unusual varieties, and leads the field in South Africa in matching varieties to specific sites. The Fairview estate now has a total of 680 hectares of vineyard over four appellations: Paarl (350 hectares), Swartland (155 hectares), Darling (140 hectares) and Stellenbosch (35 hectares). This vineyard ownership in so many different regions allows Charles to produce a wide range of wines, from grapes grown in optimal conditions. In 2014, Charles received a lifetime achievement award from the International Wine Challenge.

VINEYARDS

The Sauvignon Blanc grapes are sourced from unirrigated vineyards in Darling. The vines are trellised and planted on deep red oakleaf soils.

VINTAGE

2019 weather conditions were very testing for winemakers on the West Coast. The drought conditions that have been dominant over the last three years continued with more dry and warm weather. Fortunately, despite these conditions, the fruit was harvested healthy between January 28th and February 4th.

VINIFICATION

The grapes were machine harvested from very early in the morning, arriving at the cellar before sunrise. Whole berries were put into the press, after which the juice settled for 48 hours and was fermented in stainless-steel tanks. The wine was left on its fine lees after fermentation, prior to blending and bottling.

TASTING NOTES

This wine is pale yellow with youthful highlights. It has intense aromas of tropical fruits particularly passionfruit and pineapple. Fresh citrus flavours with lime undertones and a subtle minerality contribute to the wine's generous mid-palate and clean, crisp finish.

Grape Varieties	100% Sauvignon Blanc
Winemaker	Anthony de Jager
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	13.5%
Residual Sugar	3.7g/L
Acidity	7.6g/L
Wine pH	3.08
Bottle Sizes	75cl