

AA Badenhorst Family Wines,  
**Kalmoesfontein White Blend 2023**  
Swartland, Swartland, South Africa



### PRODUCER

Neal Martin describes Adi Badenhorst as someone who "epitomises the carefree spirit" of the Swartland, a fitting reflection of both the man and his wines. Having grown up on a Constantia wine farm, trained at Elsenberg and gained experience at Château Angéus, Alain Graillot and Rustenburg Estate, Adi founded A.A. Badenhorst Family Wines with his cousin Hein in 2008 on the Paardeberg's Kalmoesfontein farm. Home to outstanding old bush vine Chenin Blanc, Cinsault and Grenache planted between the 1950s and 1970s, the vineyards sit on varied slopes and ancient granite, quartz and iron-rich koffiekliip soils that give fragrant, characterful wines. Through attentive, hands-on farming and minimal-intervention winemaking, Adi aims to express the true character of the Swartland.

### VINEYARDS

The Kalmoesfontein White Blend is sourced from small parcels of bush vine vineyards on Kalmoesfontein and Jakkalsfontein farms in the Paardeberg region of Swartland. These vineyards, many 35 years and older, are rooted in granite soils and reflect their shared sense of place. Dry land farming and vine age contribute to the wine's concentration, texture, and authenticity.

### VINTAGE

The 2023 vintage in Swartland was one of the cooler seasons in recent years, with early budburst and lower overall rainfall. A welcome rainfall event in December provided much-needed relief, allowing dry land bush vines to sustain ripening through the summer. While the crop was lighter and berry size smaller, the fruit showed excellent concentration and balance. The cooler conditions contributed to elegant acidities and refined aromatics, promising wines with clarity, freshness, and precision.

### VINIFICATION

Different varieties are hand-harvested from multiple vineyard blocks on the same day, with all fruit cooled overnight in a refrigerated room. The following day, the grapes are pressed together, meaning the blend is created in the vineyard. Fermentation is natural, and after completion, the vessels are topped and the wine is aged for approximately 20 months in old French oak foudres and 500-litre barriques, allowing for gentle development and integration.

### TASTING NOTES

The nose offers complex aromas of perfume, spice, tea, stone fruit, and citrus blossom. The palate is textured and ripe, with gentle tannins, impressive length, and a layered profile of mineral and stone fruit flavours.

Grape Varieties	<b>33% Chenin Blanc</b> <b>28% Grenache Blanc</b> <b>15% Verdelho</b> <b>9% Viognier</b> <b>5% Muscat d' Alexandria</b> <b>5% Palomino</b> <b>2% Roussanne</b> <b>1% Sauvignon Blanc</b> <b>1% Hárslevelu</b> <b>1% Marsanne</b>
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Winemaker	<b>Adi Badenhorst</b>
Closure	<b>Natural Cork</b>
ABV	<b>14%</b>
Residual Sugar	<b>3.4g/L</b>
Acidity	<b>5.3g/L</b>
Wine sold	<b>2023</b>