



Jordan Outlier Sauvignon Blanc 1997

THE WINES OF
JORDAN
STELLENBOSCH



BACKGROUND

“Outlier” is a scientific term to describe things or phenomena that lie outside the normal experience or an observation that is numerically distinct from the rest of the data.

LOCATION & CLIMATE

The distinct ravine which embodies Stellenbosch Kloof harnesses all the qualities of a well-orientated compass. Varying elevations and aspects allows us to grow a selection of classic varieties to specific sites that optimise this expression through their location. The cooler south- and east-facing aspects, unique in Stellenbosch, hosts the more sensitive and aromatic white-skinned grape varieties.

Stellenbosch Kloof enjoys a cooler Mediterranean climate with maritime influences from False Bay, 14km to the south, and a refreshing breeze channelled from the West Coast’s Benguela current 24km to the north-west. These two breezes culminate at the top end of the ravine and bring in early morning mists, especially from False Bay. Consequently, temperatures in our meso-climate can be measured at least 3° Celsius cooler than inland Stellenbosch during ripening periods. This adds a unique characteristic to Jordan wines.

APPELLATION

Wine of Origin Stellenbosch.

SOIL

Underlying quartzite formations surrounded by 600 million-year old granite.

ASPECT

South-facing, 220 - 365m above sea level.

AGE OF VINES

12 years old.

BLEND

100% Sauvignon Blanc

ANALYSIS

Alc: 12.8%

Total Acid: 6.5g/l

pH: 3.32

Residual Sugar: 2.3g/l

TASTING NOTES

Barrel-fermented dimension adds additional depth and complexity whilst retaining the linear qualities associated with grapes planted on south-east facing aspects. A dense portrayal of sun-kissed tropical fruits, a true ‘outlier’.

HARVESTING

The grapes were harvested between 26 February – 4 March 1997.

CLONES

316 and 317.

WINEMAKING & MATURATION

The grapes received 6 hours skin contact before being gently pressed in a “pneumatic” tank press. After inoculation the juice was fermented in 65% new and 35% second-fill barrels (mostly Nevers and Alliers with a 10% American Oak barrel selection to add a spicy character). The wine spent 7 months “sur lie” with occasional “batonage” to accentuate the leesy character. 27% tank-fermented Sauvignon Blanc was added to the blend .

ACCOLADES

2015- Top 100 SA Wines - Double Gold

2012- Silver at Decanter Wine Awards

2012- Trophy Best Sauvignon Blanc Old Mutual Trophy Show