

THE WINES OF
JORDAN
STELLENBOSCH



Jordan Outlier Sauvignon Blanc 2018

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

33 years old.

BLEND

100% Sauvignon Blanc

ANALYSIS

Alc: 13.5%

Total Acid: 5.7g/l

pH: 3.26

Residual Sugar: 2.1g/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

Harvested between the 22nd - 27th of February 2018 at approximately 22°B.

CLONES

316 and 317.

WINEMAKING & MATURATION

The grapes received 6 – 10 hours skin contact before being gently pressed in a “pneumatic” tank press. After inoculation the juice was fermented 10% new French oak barrels and the rest in second, third and forth-fill barrels (mostly Nevers and Alliers with a 10% American oak barrel selection). The wine spent 8 months “sur lie” with occasional “batonage” to accentuate the leesy character. 50% tank-fermented sauvignon blanc was added to the blend.

ACCOLADES

2018- 4.5 stars in Platter’s Wine Guide 2020

2018– 92 points by Tim Atkin

2017- Top 100 SA Wines - Double Gold