



THE WINES OF
JORDAN
STELLENBOSCH



BACKGROUND

The gardens and willow trees at Jordan are home to the Cape Dwarf Chameleon. Chameleon is a wonderfully apt name, expressing the changing flavours of the component varieties of these fruit-driven blends.

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

Decomposed granite and loam.

ASPECT

Cool south- and east-facing vineyards, 220m above sea level.

AGE OF VINES

14 - 19 years

BLEND

67% Sauvignon Blanc, 29% Chardonnay, 4% Chenin Blanc

ANALYSIS

Alc: 13.5%

Total Acid: 6.45g/l

pH: 3.15

Residual Sugar: 3.6g/l

TASTING NOTES

Its chameleon-like character adapts to any drinking experience, from summer sipping to Alfresco dining. An intriguing blend – grassy, green fig Sauvignon Blanc and zesty, citrus-melon Chardonnay, balanced by a long creamy finish.

HARVESTING

The Sauvignon Blanc was harvested between 1st and 14th February 2002, the Chardonnay between 21st February and 12th March 2002 and the Chenin Blanc on the 27th February 2002.

WINEMAKING & MATURATION

The Sauvignon Blanc was tank-fermented to retain the intense varietal character, and blended with tank-fermented Chardonnay that received extended lees contact to create a full fruity wine. A small percentage Chenin Blanc adds complexity.

FOOD SUGGESTION

Versatile white – with or without food. But perfect with a creamy pasta dish.