



Goats do Roam, `Goats do Roam` White 2015

PRODUCER

Charles Back, the owner of Fairview, is also the man behind Goats do Roam, which was launched in 1999. Goats do Roam is rare in that it is an amusing and original proposition allied to wines of good quality and value for money. Normally, these 'concept' wines put more money into marketing than into quality but, characteristically, Charles has done the opposite. The fruit for Goats is sourced primarily from Paarl, Malmesbury and Paardeberg. The 'legend' goes that some errant members of Fairview's long established goat herd, supplier of milk for Fairview's internationally award winning cheeses, escaped one afternoon from their paddock into the Fairview vineyards when Charles Back's young son Jason accidentally left the paddock gate open. The little group happily roamed among the vineyards, showing rare discernment by selecting some of the ripest berries from some of the choicest vines. Their selection serves as the inspiration for the blends of these wines.

VINEYARDS

The fruit for this wine was mainly sourced from eight-year-old vineyards on the slopes of Paarl Mountain where Charles Back has been growing Viognier, Roussanne and Grenache Blanc for several years. Soils here are decomposed granite. A small portion of Grenache Blanc and Viognier was sourced from the vineyards in Darling and the Swartland respectively. All grapes are 100% Fairtrade.

VINTAGE

The 2015 vintage was about two weeks earlier than normal. The hot and dry summer resulted in fully ripe, healthy grapes, which contributed to richer, more tropical styles of wine than in previous vintages. Harvest began with the Viognier on the 29th January and lasted until 6th February 2015.

VINIFICATION

The Viognier, Roussanne and Grenache Blanc grapes were destemmed, crushed and gently pressed. Only free run juice was used and the vineyard parcels were kept separate. The juice was cold fermented in stainless steel tanks and the individual components were left on their lees for six months prior to blending and bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Bright and clear with flashes of green. This is a medium bodied wine with aromas of apricots, pear and white blossom on the nose. Lingering citrus flavours on the palate are complemented with a zesty acidity.



VINTAGE INFORMATION

Vintage	2015
Region	Paarl, Coastal Region
Grape Varieties	61% Viognier 20% Roussanne 19% Grenache Blanc
Winemaker	Anthony de Jager
Closure	Stelvin
ABV	13.5%
Residual Sugar	3g/L
Acidity	6.3g/L
Wine pH	3.38
Bottle Sizes	75cl