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GHOST CORNER

ELIM SOUTH AFRICA

SAUVIGNON BLANC 2017

A unique Sauvignon blanc that cannot be compared to any other. Powerful concentrated layers of green figs and gooseberries, with a touch of grapefruit, fynbos and a steely minerality on the palate. A reflection of the cool maritime climate of Elim where the grapes are sourced. Lees contact during the winemaking process creates length and richness on the aftertaste, which will progress even more over the next 2 or 3 years. This wine can stand its own against any great seafood or poultry dishes.

----- VINEYARDS & VINIFICATION ------

Facing: South

Bokkeveld Slate, Koffieklip and Gravel Soil types:

Age of vines: 15 years, Elim Ward

Vineyard area: 20 ha Yield per hectare: 9 t/ha

Trellised: Extended 6 wire Perold

Irrigation: Supplementary

Clone: SB10, SB159, SB316 on Richter 99

Harvest date: 8 February - 1 March 2017

Degree balling at harvest: Early morning hand harvested at 21.5 - 23.5°B

Reductive style, cold crushed at 8°C, skin Vinification:

> contact for 6 hours, only free run juice used, settle for 2 days at 10°C; fermented for 21 days at 12°C with selected yeast strain; lees contact

for 4 months, tank bâttonage weekly

Optimum drinking time: 2-5 years after release

----- A N A L Y S I S -----

Alcohol 13.8% vol TA 6.6g/l 2.5g/l pН 3.50 Sugar

----- A C C O L A D E S -----

SAWi Awards '17 - Grand Slam: 100 points

SAWi Awards '17 - Top Ranking Sauvignon Blanc: 3rd Position Platter's Wine Guide '18: 5 stars - 2016 vintage

Tim Atkin '17: 93 points - 2016 vintage Stephen Tanzer - USA '17: 91 points - 2015 vintage Decanter Wine World Awards '17: Silver – 2016 vintage

Vertias '16: Double Gold - 2016 vintage

IWSC '16: Silver Outstanding - 2015 vintage

NWC/Top 100 SA '16: Top 100/Double Silver - 2015 vintage Decanter Wold Wine Awards '16: Gold - 2015 vintage

Concours Mondial du Sauvignon '16: Gold - 2015 vintage

Veritas '15: Double Gold - 2015 vintage

SA Terroir Wine Awards '15: Top Sauvignon Blanc - 2015 vintage

Michelangelo Wine Awards '15: Silver - 2015 vintage

Platter SA Wine Guide '16: Five Star – 2014 vintage

Michelangelo International Wine Awards '14: Silver – 2014 vintage

IWSC '15: Silver - 2014 vintage

Decanter World Wine Awards '15: Silver - 2014 vintage Sommelier Wine Awards '15: Bronze - 2014 vintage

International Wine Challenge '15: Bronze – 2014 vintage

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