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GHOST CORNER

ELIM SOUTH AFRICA

SEMILLON 2015

An aromatic Semillon displaying aromas of green fig, white fruit and nettles characteristic of the cool climate in Elim. A distinct minerality with a slight earthiness on the nose that follows through onto the palate. A small amount of French oak adds a hint of smokiness leading to a creamy palate with a crisp acidity. This wine is especially well suited for strong seafood flavours such as yellowtail, scallops or snoek, as well as lightly smoked meat and rich pork dishes.

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

Facing:	South
Soil types:	Bokkeveld Slate, Koffieklip and Gravel
Age of vines:	15 years, Elim ward
Vineyard area:	1.5 ha
Yield per hectare:	5 t/ha
Trellised:	Extended 6 wire Perold
Irrigation:	Supplementary
Clone:	dd1
Harvest date:	25 February 2015
Degree balling at harvest:	Early morning hand harvested at 22.5°B
Vinification:	Reductive style, cold crush 8°C, skin contact for 8 hours, pressing, only free run juice used, settle for 2 days at 10°C; Fermentation: 28 days in stainless steel tank, – 70%, 30% fermented in 1st and 2nd fill 225l French oak barrels for 3 months at 12°C with selected yeast strains before blending 5 month lees contact, weekly tank and barrel bâtonnage. Barrel maturation: Medium toast barrels – Allier forests – Burgundy coopers, 225l barrels.
Optimum drinking time:	3 - 5 years after release

----- ANALYSIS -----

Alcohol	13.0% vol	TA	6.6 g/l
Sugar	2.7 g/l	pH	3.38

----- ACCOLADES -----

NWC/Top 100 SA '16: Top 100/Double Silver – 2015 vintage
Tim Atkin '15: 93 points – 2014 vintage
Platter SA Wine Guide '16: 4.5 star – 2013 vintage
Decanter World Wine Awards '15: Silver – 2013 vintage
SA Wine Index Awards '15: Platinum, Top Semillon
Top 100 SA Wines '15: Top 100 – 2013 vintage
Veritas '14: Gold – 2013 vintage
SA Terroir Wine Awards '14: National winner – 2012 vintage
Tim Atkin '14: 93 points – 2012 vintage
Top 100 SA Wines '14: Top 100 – 2012 vintage
Platter's SA Wine Guide '14: 4 stars – 2011 vintage
SA Wine Index Awards '13: Best in category & Platinum – 2011 vintage
IWSC '12: Gold Outstanding – 2011 vintage
Top 100 SA Wines '13 – 2011 vintage
Since the first release the '07, '08, '09, '10, '11 and '12 vintages were awarded the Semillon trophy at the annual SA Terroir Wine Awards



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