

A beautiful interpretation of this noble grape variety. Without copying its German and Alsatian cousins, this Riesling is distinctly South African with exquisite fruit and great balance.

LOTHIAN VINEYARDS RIESLING



In its opulent setting on the banks of the Palmiet River and a private lake in the Elgin Valley, Lothian Vineyards shines in a class of its own. Years of searching for the perfect location finally revealed Elgin's cool-climate terroir as an elegant setting for growing grapes to produce exceptional Burgundian-style Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Riesling and Rosé varieties. The Wilson family's non-interventionist artisanal wine-making technique flows into the feel of Lothian House: a feat of modern architecture, designed with sensitivity towards the environment. Lothian estate is distinguished by nature, positioned in the Kogelberg Biosphere, which possesses 1654 plant species found nowhere else on earth.

VITICULTURE

The Wilson brothers farm their vineyards in accordance with South Africa's voluntary Integrated Production of Wine program, creating a sustainable ecosystem for plants and animals in their property. Due to Elgin's proximity to the cold Atlantic Ocean and high altitude, the valley's cool environment makes it the ideal home for varieties such as Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Rose and Riesling and permits a predominantly non-interventionist approach to wine making. Working in harmony with nature, the grapes are harvested by hand at the optimal moment for full flavours before being transported a short distance to the local winery.



VINIFICATION

Once the grapes are harvested, they pass into the hands of the estate's skilled enologist, Richard Kershaw MW. Richard is one of the few Masters of Wine in the world that are actually directly involved in the production process. Handled as minimally as possible, the integrity of the fruit and its clonal characteristics are maintained, allowing Richard to craft elegant and exquisitely complex wines that reflect the unique climate and terroir of Lothian's vineyards.



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Region Western Cape, Elgin Valley

Classification Wine of Western Cape

Vintage 2018

Grapes 100% Riesling

Soil Composition Table Mountain Sandstone

Vineyard Training Guyot

Density/Yield 70 hl/ha

Fermentation Temperature controlled fermentation and aging for 4 months on fine lees in stainless steel. Light filtration prior to bottling.

Alcohol 12.5%

Residual Sugar 2.0 g/l

PH 3.45 g/l

TA 7.0 g/l

Free SO2 35 mg/l

Total SO2 65 mg/l

TASTING NOTES

This wine has a very pale-gold colour with flashes of green. The nose is of medium intensity. It conjures up freshness with Cape Gooseberry, elderflower white freesia flowers and lemon zest. This is a bone-dry Riesling which becomes obvious with a bright, tart entry. The elements discovered on the nose persist with notes of grapefruit, pine needles and a complex minerality, providing a lemon-sorbet cleansing finish.

PAIRING SUGGESTION

This Riesling should be served chilled, but not too cold in order to allow the wonderful aromas to develop. It pairs well with summer salads, fresh seafood, sushi, grilled fish, and roasted poultry. The exotic fruit aromas also work well with Asian inspired cuisine.