

WINE OF ORIGIN WALKER BAY
100% ESTATE GROWN

CATALINA SEMILLON 2017



IN THE VINEYARDS

This award-winning maiden vintage of Semillon is made from a 0.9 hectare single vineyard that performs extremely well every year. This vineyard's location and the diurnal temperature range has a profound impact on the varietal definition and style, with meticulous canopy management setting it up for continuous success.

Slope: south-east facing vineyards | Soil: Clay & shale | Clones: GD1



CHARACTER

This wine is ethereal and commanding at the same time. It allures with complex aromas of sweet peas, lemongrass, quince, orange blossom, greenage, white lily and fynbos. All these nuances reveal a remarkable fruit purity that lingers on the palate, etched with an oyster shell minerality and integrated acidity.



IN THE CELLAR

Grapes were hand-picked and sorted at the cellar. De-stemming and crushing was followed by two hours of skin contact. The juice was settled for 48 hours, racked and inoculated with a selected yeast strain. An 80% portion of the wine was barrel fermented and matured for nine months to add texture and complexity. The remaining component was fermented in tank at low temperatures to allow for maximum fruit and varietal expression.

Oak maturation: 9 months, 50% new 500L French oak | Production: 3 barrels / Aging potential: up to 12 years from vintage



PERSONALITY

The elegant wine debunks the myth of semillon as a workhorse in the 80's. It is admired for its intensity and ageability and this wine is the perfect example. It is a flagbearer for the estate, displaying definition and focus, complex yet gentle.



BEST TO ENJOY

Serving temp: 10 - 12 °C
Cellaring potential: Up to 10 years from vintage and beyond if cellared correctly.



WINE ANALYSIS

Alc: 13.6%
pH: 3.15 g/l
TA: 7.0 g/l
RS: 1.12 g/l



CELLAR MASTER NOTE

"More and more I find myself intrigued by this varietal, its ability to age and how it benefits from time in bottle. All the fine characteristics will be defined with age. It can be enjoyed in its youth, or be loved for its rich and layered secondary character as it ages." - Johann Fourie