

EAGLES' NEST VIOGNIER 2016



Eagles' Nest, located on the crest of Constantia Nek pass, is nestled at the foot of the awe inspiring Table Mountain. This pristine and boutique family owned vineyard (38 Ha in size) has in recent years gained a striking reputation for both its beauty and award winning wines.

Uniquely characteristic of its wines is its signature of finesse, derived from the cooler climate conditions its vines are exposed to as a result of its elevation and close proximity to the oceanic body that is False Bay, thus delivering very distinctive wines not found elsewhere in South Africa.

Quality and consistency is paramount at Eagles' Nest. Our unique terroir, combined with meticulous attention to detail in the vineyards and cellar, yields wines that are the epitome of elegance and balance.

Variety: 100% Viognier
 Bottling date: September 2016
 Hectares: 2,58 ha
Analysis:
Alcohol 14.0 vol % | **Sugar** 2.3 g/l | **TA** 5.5 g/l | **pH** 3.57 | **TSO₂** 134 mg/l | **FSO₂** 31 mg/l

The 11th crop off fourteen year old vines in two north easterly facing vineyards on the farm. All grapes were carefully hand-picked and transported to the cellar where they were cooled overnight in a specialised cooling room to 5°C. The following morning the whole bunches were placed in a pneumatic bag press and gently pressed recovering about 60%. The juice settled overnight in a stainless steel tank, after which only the premium clear juice was racked off to 30% first fill 500L barrels 30 % second and 40% third fill French oak barrels. The fermentation temperatures were relatively low, peaking at 18°C. During the wine's maturation in barrel, it received a fortnightly battonage and topping up. After 7 months maturation the barrels were blended together and the wine was allowed to harmonize before being bottled.

Sumptuous and enticing as always, the nose shows delicious aromas of mandarin skin, peach blossom and white pear. Delicate perfumed jasmine flower follow (classically identifying it as Eagles Nest.) and a hint of papaya (paw paw). A fresh, rich mouth filling palate, tell-tale Viognier spices entice and engage the senses. Positive freshness (suggest longevity) coupled with even handed wooding ensure a crisp clean finish and lingering after taste. Enjoy now or to 2024

Eagles' Nest Viognier 2016: Decanter World Wine Awards 90 Points || SAWI Awards 2017: Grand Gold | Tim Atkin SA Report 2017: 91 Points | Gold and highest rated Viognier: Veritas Awards 2017 | 4.5 Stars, 2018 Platter Wine Guide

Eagles' Nest Viognier 2015: Decanter World Wine Awards 92 Points (Silver) | Old Mutual Trophy Wine Show 2016: Highest rated Viognier | SAWI Awards 2016: Platinum and highest rated Viognier | Tim Atkin SA Report 2016: 91 Points | 4.5 Stars, 2017 Platter Wine Guide | Wine Advocate: 92 Points

Eagles' Nest Viognier 2014: Wine Advocate: 91 Points | Decanter Magazine June 2015 Issue: South African White Blend & Rhone Varietals: Highly Recommended | Tim Atkin SA Report 2015: 92 Points | 4 Stars, 2016 Platter Wine Guide

Eagles' Nest Viognier 2013: Tim Atkin SA Report 2014: 92 Points | Double Gold: Six Nations Wine Challenge (2014) | 4.5 Stars, 2015 Platter Wine Guide (5 Star Nominee) | Wine Advocate: 89 Points

Eagles' Nest Viognier 2012: Wine Advocate: 93 Points | Double Gold: Six Nations Wine Challenge 2013 | 4.5 Stars 2014 Platter Wine Guide | Tim Atkin Annual Report: 89 Points

Eagles' Nest Viognier 2011: Selected for British Airways December (2012)

Eagles' Nest Viognier 2010: Selected for British Airways June (2012) | 5* nominee for the 2012 Platter wine guide | Wine Advocate: 93 Points | Taste of London: Most Innovative Wine (2013)

Eagles' Nest Viognier 2009: 5* nominee for the 2011 Platter wine guide | Gold, Veritas (2010) | Wine Advocate: 93 Points (2011)

Eagles' Nest Viognier 2007: Silver (Best in class) award International Wine and Spirits Competition | Bronze Medal Decanter Wine Awards (2009) | Four Stars 2010 Platter Guide

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