

2016 Ataraxia Chardonnay, Hemmel-en-Aarde

The Wine Making

Greek for “a serene state of mind, free from worry and preoccupation”, Ataraxia lives up to the hype. Aptly called The Skyfields, Ataraxia Wines is perfectly positioned on a commanding rise in the beautiful Hemel-en-Aarde (Heaven and Earth) wine-growing area.

Our vines are nurtured in a unique terroir heavily influenced by our close proximity to the icy Atlantic Ocean. We have chosen a stylistic approach to the Ataraxia Vineyards wine range, to defer completely to the sites from which the different grapes are sourced.

Care has been taken to match rootstock choice exactly to the vineyard soil type also ensuring that no stone has been left unturned in the sourcing of the very best scion material available in the country.

Our wines are handcrafted to reflect the origin and sense of place that this unique location offers, producing wines of matchless quality and impeccable elegance.



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Variety: 100% Chardonnay

Vintage: 2016

Region: Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge wine ward, close to the coastal village of Hermanus. Soils from these sites are derived from the Bokkeveld shale group, which are characteristically low-vigour, clay-rich and stony

Winemaker: Kevin Grant

Vinification: . Because of the cool maritime climate that exists here, the grapes have a long hang time which affords them the opportunity to fully complete their ripening journey. Picked early in the mornings during the last week of February and the first week of March 2016. The wine is 100% barrel fermented and carefully matured for 10 months in specially selected small French oak barriques sourced exclusively from Burgundian coopers.

Alcohol: 12.8%

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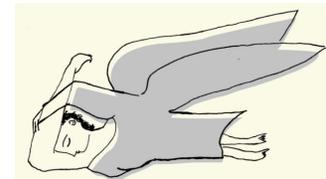
96 points: Tim Atkin, South Africa Report, 2017

“Kevin’s Chardonnay has always been the standout for me, unequivocally one of the best in South Africa and very Burgundian in style, seriously up there at Premier Cru level.”

Winemaker’s notes:

This hand-crafted wine is the product of some truly unique, extreme and radical vineyard sites situated exclusively in the Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge wine ward, close to the coastal village of Hermanus.

The result is a Chardonnay that is New World in provenance but Old World in stylistic leaning. A chiselled, focussed wine that effortlessly manages to be both subtle and intense. The palate is penetrating and profound yet graceful and poised. A forceful mineral acidity is beautifully balanced by a subtle yet compelling intensity of fruit. Classic length, creaminess and intriguing complexity define this stylish, world-class Chardonnay.



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THE WINES OF KEVIN GRANT