



FAIRVIEW

FAIRVIEW, LA BERYL BLANC 2008

PRODUCER

Fairview is situated on the lower slopes of Mt. Paarl, which is more sheltered from the moderating maritime influence than nearby Stellenbosch. Fairview has been planted with vines since 1699, when it was known by the name of Bloemkwoolfontein (Cauliflower Mountain). Fortunately, its name was changed to Fairview by an English owner at the beginning of the 20th century. The property was bought by the grandfather of current owner, Charles Back, in 1937, and was subsequently run by his father, Cyril. Charles has run it for the past 25 years.

La Beryl named after Charles Back's late mother.

VINIFICATION

The Chenin Blanc grapes were hand harvested at 21 balling into small baskets and transferred to a well-ventilated barn where they were laid out on beds of straw to dry for approximately four weeks. During this time, the grapes lost about 75% of their volume, intensifying flavour and sweetness. The grapes were pressed and the juice fermented for three months in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks. The wine remained on the lees for a further four months prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Rich golden straw in colour, with intensely concentrated perfumes of honey and lemon, with a touch of lanolin. On the palate it is sweet but not cloying, with a surprisingly firm structure supporting the luscious fruit. Clean and intense all the way to the finish.



VINTAGE INFORMATION

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| Vintage | 2008 |
| Grape variety | 100% Chenin Blanc |
| Region | Paarl |
| Winemaker | Charles Back |
| Bottle size | 50cl |