



Nederburg is one of South Africa's leading wineries, with a prize-winning pedigree that stems from a culture of innovation and disciplined attention to detail. The wines are richly fruited with elegant, fresh flavours and structure, and range from exclusive, micro-edition offerings for the connoisseur to wines styled for everyday enjoyment.

THE WINEMASTERS

Nederburg The Winemasters Noble Late Harvest | 2022

THE RANGE:

The Winemasters ensemble, comprising a top-quality range of varietal offerings, is named to honour the Paarl winery's long-established tradition of winemaking excellence. These classically styled, food-friendly wines with abundant fruit flavours, elegance and finesse, treasure the integrity of the grapes in every step of the wine-growing and winemaking journey. Every drop demonstrates an unwavering commitment to world-class vineyard and cellar skills. This wine is made from Muscat de Frontignan (45%), Chenin blanc (45%) and Graca de Cotnari (10%).

VINEYARDS:

The Muscat de Frontignan grapes were sourced from vineyards in the Simondium area, planted in 2011, while the Chenin blanc and Graca de Cotnari fruit came from vines located on the Nederburg farm in Paarl, planted in 2012 and 2008, respectively. The vines are grafted onto nematode-resistant rootstock Richter 99, and received supplementary irrigation.

WINEMAKING:

The botrytis cinerea (noble rot) grapes were strictly selected and harvested by hand at 30° to 42° Balling during April. The grapes were sorted by hand by the entire winemaking team to ensure only the best grapes are used. The fruit went straight into the press without destemming. A light pressing was done to release the juice from the healthy green grapes, then pumped back over the grapes and the raisins in the press. It was to soak overnight to allow all the raisins to open up and release those intensely concentrated flavours, and then fermented in temperature controlled stainless-steel tanks at 16°C. Daily tasting were done to monitor fermentation and approximately halfway through, the proverbial sweet spot between the remaining sugar level, alcohol level and acidity was reached. Next, the tanks were chilled down to -4°C to stop fermentation. The wine was then put through a separator to spin out the yeast and prevent further fermentation. Blending of the different components followed, followed by stabilisation and sterile-filtering and bottling. The wine also did not undergo wood maturation.

WINEMAKER: Pieter Badenhorst and Jamie Williams

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TASTING NOTE: This rich, honeyed, sweet nectar could be mistaken for ambrosia, the mythical food of the ancient Greek gods. Its complex jasmine and muscat florality, sundried pineapple, apricot and sultana tangy sweetness are in beautiful equilibrium with fresh, vibrant acidity. As a consequence, the mouthful is on point: bountifully rewarding in its abundance but also focussed, poised and dry with a clean, precise finish. The flavour memory lingers long after the last drop has disappeared.

FOOD SUGGESTIONS: Excellent with pâtés, blue cheese, desserts, cakes, pastries and tarts.

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 168 g/l **ALCOHOL:** 11.12 %

TOTAL ACIDITY: 7.68 g/l (Tartaric) **PH:** 3.75

