



EIKENDAL
- STELLENBOSCH -

Infused by Earth
Chardonnay
2016

“The greatest skill of a winemaker is giving wine a sense of place, telling the story of your land through your wines. To achieve this your feet needs to be planted deep into your earth, becoming one with your vines, feeling their pulse and listening to their whispers. The end result is wine that is infused by earth.”

Iconic Eikendal

Cultivar:

100% Chardonnay

Vineyards & Vitification:

Two blocks of bush vine planted by myself. Both blocks are planted right at the top of the farm into decomposed granite. Clones CY 548 and CY 95. Soil 60-80cm deep with gravel mixed into the granite. White clay which is very significant in that all organic matter has been washed out. So, these vines are facing the south-easter wind head on all the time, receives the cool air at night from False Bay are planted in these granite soils which are not forgiving at all and once they manage to get to the clay there is nothing for them. They are well and truly in survival mode but they are carrying the message of the land. Planted at 5 000 vines/ Ha we are making it more difficult. Each vine produces around 0.8 – 1kg of grapes per vine. This is truly exceptional.

Vinification:

Whole bunch press. No settling of the juice. Goes straight to stainless steel tank. 50% of spontaneous fermentation in stainless steel. Last 50% of fermentation was done 60% in 500l “new” barrel, specially made by Bruno for this wine and 40% in a granite amphora. This means fermenting and ageing granite in granite. 18 months aging. No fining or filtration. Natural settling of wine. Bottled October last year.

Wine Analysis:

Sugar: 2.53 g/l; Total acid: 7.5 g/l; pH: 3.31; Alcohol: 13.5% vol.

Maturation: Up to 10 years if cellared correctly

Serving suggestion: 18°C-20°C. Pair with Lobster; Poulet de bresse, Guinea Fowl, Hazelnut-crusted chicken



Awards & Accolades:

94/100 Tim Atkin; 92/100 Neal Martin

Cellar Master:

Nico Grobler



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