

  
**SHANNON**  
*vineyards*

## Triangle Block Semillon

2019

### Technical Notes

The grapes are chilled to 3°C. The bunches are sorted on a conveyor, destemmed and crushed. All transfers of grape must and juice in these early stages are attained using gravity. Selected parcels of the grapes undergo a period of skin contact, at 8°C to encapture favourable skin flavours. After a gentle pressing, the juice left to settle for a period of 72 hours at 2°C. Fermentation in barrel continues until the wine is dry. The Semillon is fermented on natural yeasts and matured for 11 months in 30% new French oak, some older barrels and one 500 L barrel.



### Styling

The focus of this wine is based on a vineyard component arising from unique low yielding Table Mountain Sandstone soils. Using natural yeasts, Shannon Semillon expresses a very distinctive musky nose combining ginger, quinine, lime zest, cardamom in a minerally and flinty style. The naturally fermented Semillon, matured on the lees, provides a fuller mouth feel and adds to the complexity of the wine. It is round on entry, then dense and concentrated in the middle, with a saline element giving the spice and citrus flavors a tactile feel that reminded one of an Old World version of this grape. This wine was vinified in a style that enhances the aging potential of Semillon.

### Wine Analyses

**Alcohol:** 14 %  
**Acidity:** 6.4 g/l  
**pH:** 3.16  
**Residual sugar:** 1.4 g/l

**Clones planted:** GDI  
**Rootstock:** Richter 110  
**Soil types:** Mostly quartz encrusted silica Table Mountain Sandstone.  
**Aspect of vineyards:** East facing slopes.  
**Ha planted:** 0.5 ha  
**Planting distance:** 2.2m x 1.5m  
**Vines per hectare:** 3030 vines  
**Trellis system:** Vertical shoot positioning with 5-wire Hedge system with movable wires.  
**Irrigation:** Combination of drip and micro irrigation.  
**Average Production:** 6-8 tons per hectare (40.5-54 hi/ha).  
**Harvest dates:** On average first week of March.  
**Altitude:** 260 metres to 300 metres above sea level.  
**Temperature:** Average growing season temperature of a cool 17,5°C.  
**Rainfall:** Summers are dry with abundant rainfall, mostly in the winter months.

### Clone Selection

**# 16 SEM GDI:** 100%