



Alheit Vineyards

Alheit Vineyards Fire by Night 2023 is a pure and vibrant expression of Paardeberg Chenin Blanc, offering an elegant balance of minerality, energy, and precision.



Fire By Night Chenin Blanc 2023

, South Africa

Region and Vineyards

Fire by Night is produced from the **Nuwedam vineyard** on the Paardeberg in the Swartland region of South Africa. This iconic site, known for its **decomposed granite soils**, provides the perfect foundation for wines of elegance and focus. The vineyard sits on a high ridge at **300–350 meters above sea level**, benefitting from clean mountain air and excellent drainage.

The vines, planted between **1972 and 1985**, are **dry-farmed bush vines**, a rarity that produces concentrated, expressive fruit. The different slopes (east, west, and north-facing) provide a diverse range of characteristics to work with, contributing to the wine's complexity and depth.

Winemaking and Maturation

The grapes for Fire by Night 2023 were **hand-sorted and whole-bunch pressed**, ensuring optimal quality. The raw juice, left intentionally cloudy, underwent **wild fermentation** in a combination of **cement eggs, large foudres, and old barrels of varying sizes**. Fermentation lasted approximately one month.

The wine was aged on its lees for **12 months**, followed by an additional five months in tanks on fine lees without fining, resulting in a wine of remarkable purity and texture. This minimalist winemaking approach highlights the vineyard's unique terroir.

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Pale yellow with greenish reflections.
- **Aroma:** Flinty reduction with notes of green citrus, mountain herbs, and subtle thatch.
- **Palate:** High energy and tension, with tightly coiled acidity and a pure, racy character. The finish is bracing, long, and etched with mineral precision.

Did you know?

The name **Fire by Night** carries personal significance for the Alheit family, referencing the biblical story of guidance through a pillar of cloud by day and fire by night. It reflects their reverence for the vineyard and its divine inspiration.

Alcohol :12,50 %

Composition: 100% Chenin Blanc



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Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled sea bass with lemon and herbs:** The wine's vibrant acidity and minerality complement the delicate flavors of the fish.
- **Goat cheese and honey tart:** The wine's citrus and herbal notes balance the sweetness and creaminess of the tart.
- **Linguine with clams:** Its saline character and bright profile enhance the briny and buttery flavors of the dish.
- **Herbed roasted chicken:** The wine's high energy pairs beautifully with the savory and aromatic herbs.



Robert Parker (RP) : 92 Points (2022)

Fresh, zesty and bright, for 2022 Fire By Night is lemony with citrus blossom essences. Light to medium-bodied and with 12.5% alcohol, the palate offers a tight mineral tension before uncoiling to an acid-driven, food-friendly finish. 6,500 bottles were produced after resting in a mix of 80% cement eggs and 20% foudre.



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