



GRAHAM BECK
MÉTHODE CAP CLASSIQUE

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CUVÉE CLIVE 2014



Our most prestigious and exclusive Cap Classique, the Cuvée Clive represents the very pinnacle of our craft and is testimony to our reputation as a world class producer of Méthode Champenoise style wines. This prestige cuvee embodies the Graham Beck pursuit of the perfect bubble and is a culmination of meticulous planning and unbridled passion.

VARIETY: Chardonnay 100%

VINTAGE: 2014

AREA OF ORIGIN: Western Cape

VINEYARD:

70% of the blend originated from one block on our estate in Robertson, planted in 2002 to four different clones of Chardonnay on pure limestone soil. The remaining 30% comes from Darling, lending bright and racy acidity to the blend.

HARVEST DETAILS:

Hand-picked during the second week of January, the Robertson portion came in at 19.5B, while the Darling fruit came in at 18.7%.

CELLAR TREATMENT:

The grapes were received in the early morning and whole bunch pressed, with only the cuvée fraction (first 400L per ton) utilized for this wine. The juice settled over 24 hours and then racked directly into neutral piece champenoise barrels for the primary fermentation and maturation for a 3 month period, after which the two portions were blended and bottled. After 60 months of lees ageing in the bottle, the 2014 Cuvée Clive emerged as a showcase of power and elegance seamlessly flowing together.


TASTING NOTES:


A complex, balanced, powerful, yet elegant cap classique which intrigues the senses from start to finish. Ripe citrus aromas are supported by apricot, apple and toasted almond nuances. The palate starts off with flavours of fresh and zesty citrus, developing into richer, fleshy yellow stonefruit and nutty notes. The piercing acidity, complex texture and delightfully small bubbles creates a taste experience which leaves the palate begging for more.


ANALYSIS:


Residual Sugar: 3.44 g/l
Alcohol: 12.0 %
Total Acid: 6.83
pH: 3.26

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