

CAPENSIS S I L E N E

• C H A R D O N N A Y •

• 2020 •

HERITAGE

Capensis is a family of three wines dedicated exclusively to Chardonnay. The name Capensis is taken from the Latin word meaning “*from the Cape*,” and pays homage to their home in South Africa, one of the oldest winemaking regions in the world. The ancient soils, dramatic landscapes and historic vineyards of Stellenbosch, Overberg and Robertson are the foundation for Capensis, which honors the greatness of South Africa. Winemaker Graham Weerts has carefully selected the finest Chardonnay vineyards within the Western Cape to create these expressive wines.

VINTAGE OVERVIEW

Weather conditions during the 2020 growing season were favorable for higher crop levels, although windy conditions during sensitive berry growth stages led to a lighter crop. Mild temperatures during the ripening period resulted in ample flavor retention and exceptional acidity in white cultivars.

WINE NOTES

The intent of Capensis Silene Chardonnay is to highlight the nuances and profound flavor profile that can be found in the Stellenbosch winegrowing region. As a contrast to the winemaking practices of the flagship Western Cape Chardonnay – which is a blend of several distinct sites from across the Western Cape – winemaker Graham Weerts focuses on the unique terroir of Stellenbosch for Silene. A blend of our estate Fijnbosch vineyard and neighboring mountain vineyards, the 2020 Silene offers enticing aromas of white nectarine, toasted meringue, and citrus blossom. On the palate, juicy stone fruit flavors are complemented by bright acidity, complexity, and a lovely saline finish.

VARIETY

100% Chardonnay

REGION

Stellenbosch
Western Cape, South Africa

VINEYARDS

32% Fijnbosch Estate Vineyard
31% Nooitgedacht Vineyard
19% Zetler Vineyard
18% Sonop Vineyard

AGING

10 months in French oak
30% new

ALCOHOL

14.0%

