WINEMAKER

PIETER BADENHORST

"My philosophy as a winemaker, is to create building blocks during harvest time, using different vineyard blocks on different farms and using more than one type of yeast or oak barrel etc. This allows us to sit down after the harvest and "build" a wine, through careful tasting and blending, that can proudly carry the name of Fleur du Cap."

WINEMAKING DEGREE
University of Stellenbosch

WINEMAKER CAREER
Since 2003

FAVOURITE CULTIVAR
Pinotage

MAISONS MARQUES & DOMAINES

ESSENCE DU CAP – WHITE WINES

SAUVIGNON BLANC

The abundance of aromas and flavours typical of the diverse growing regions, make for a complex, beautifully layered wine. Our grapes are sourced from cool climate areas in the Cape, primarily Agulhas, Darling and Elgin. Predominately driven by stone fruit, a myriad of aromas follow, such as grapefruit, lime, passion fruit, peach, guava, fresh-cut grass and goosberries.

CHARDONNAY

Our Chardonnay grapes are mainly sourced from the high-quality terroir of Stellenbosch, with a smaller portion sourced from the warmer Robertson area. Fresh citrus notes are prominent on the nose and it opens up into tropical fruit aromas and just a hint of oak spice. This is a fruit-driven wine with a lovely balance between acidity and fruit. A beautiful balance between sweetness and acidity is complemented by a long finish.

CHENIN BLANC

As grapes are sourced from Stellenbosch and Darling, as well as a small portion from Paarl, our Chenin Blanc's nose is fresh with aromas of tropical fruit opening up into lime notes with a touch of oak spice. The initial tropical aromas follow through on the pallet with hints of citrus complimented with a dash of butterscotch from the time spent on wood. It has a lingering, crisp finish and is definitely an extremely food friendly wine.

ESSENCE DU CAP – RED WINES

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Stellenbosch is globally recognised for its outstanding quality of Cabernet Sauvignon and this is where we source all our grapes from. This full-bodied, ruby coloured red has aromas of dark chocolate, black cherry and plums underlined by elegant wood spices. On the palate this well-balanced wine is velvety soft yet mouth filling with clean soft fruit and a touch of sweet oak. These complex flavours linger on the finish.

PINOTAGE

Our Pinotage grapes are sourced mainly from Stellenbosch, yet with a significant portion also coming from the warmer inland areas of Paarl and Wellington. This wine has a deep red colour with crimson edges. On the nose it shows ripe fruit such as plums and a hint of black currant, finishing in oak spice. Full-bodied on the palate with ripe plum and berries standing out, our Pinotage is very well balanced with a lingering after taste.

FLEUR DU CAP

Freedom to Explore

A CONCISE HISTORY OF SOUTH AFRICAN WINE

1652 The Dutch East India Company established a refreshment station to provide for ships en-route to the spice trade in the East

1655 Governor Jan van Riebeeck planted the first vines, imported from France, Spain and the Rhineland, in the Company Gardens

1658 Van Riebeeck planted 1 000 vines on his farm, Boscheuvel

1659 Wine was first made from Cape grapes on February 2, 1659

1688 Arrival of French Huguenots

1700 Mid 1700s South African wine was famous in the courts of Europe (sweet Constantia)

1886 Phylloxera discovered

1918 KWV established to regulate the South African wine industry

1968 Fleur du Cap established

1990 Nelson Mandela released

1994 Birth of the modern South Africa & South African wine industry

HISTORY OF FLEUR DU CAP

HERITAGE

Fleur du Cap (French for "Flower of the Cape"), launched in 1968 under The Bergkelder, the famous mountain cellar cut deep into the mountain in Stellenbosch. The Bergkelder was the first underground bottle maturation cellar of its kind in the southern hemisphere and is known as an important innovator in the wine industry through:

- Being one of the forerunners in the establishment of classic noble grape varieties in the Cape (Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay)
- Introducing small cask French oak maturation to South Africa
- Launching of the top tier innovative Unfiltered range (also known as Series de Privée)
- Being a firm favourite in North America. It is also the largest market for the brand

PRODUCT EXCELLENCE AND USP'S

- The winemaking team unlocks the natural expression inherent in the grapes from pockets of vines in diverse locations selected for their unique terroir and flavour profiles.
- Fleur du Cap is a winner of major awards at prestigious local and international competitions boasting a cache of trophies, medals and 90+ ratings at benchmark tastings.
- Fleur du Cap carries the Integrity and Sustainability Seal:
  Integrity – The guarantee of quality credentials and full traceability
  Sustainability – Guarantees the wine meets environmental guidelines (IPW) such as minimal use of chemicals & introduction of natural predators.
- By doing this, Fleur du Cap contributes to protecting the biodiversity of the world's richest floral kingdom and the cleaning up of waste water.

WINE GROWING AREAS OF SOUTH AFRICA

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Each vineyard is selected for its unique combination of soils, climate, aspect and orientation best suited to the particular grape variety. Fleur du Cap works closely with a well-established network of growers who share a single-minded vision of refinement and fruit purity.

This philosophy sets Fleur du Cap apart with richly layered wines of great complexity and finesse, true to their origins and varietal character.

MAP

Fleur du Cap is not constrained by farm, vineyard or climate; having the freedom to choose the finest grapes form the best vineyards in the Cape Winelands.

Stellenbosch is the heartland of these vineyard sites, followed by neighbouring areas such as Somerset West, Sir Lowry's Pass and Elgin, along with Robertson and Darling.

AGULHAS 34.818146°S/20.015108°E	**DARLING** 33.3756°S/18.3861E	**ELGIN** 34.182934°S/19.084080°E	**PAARL** 33.7342°S/18.9621°E
STELLENBOSCH 33.9321°S/18.8602°E	**SOMERSET–WEST** 34.0757°S/18.8433°E	**ROBERTSON** 33.8021°S/19.8875°E	**WELLINGTON** 33.6405°S/19.0097°E