

Vergelegen Straw Wine 2021

Vergelegen, one of South Africa's most iconic estates, has established itself as a benchmark for quality and elegance. Located in the renowned Stellenbosch wine region, Vergelegen is celebrated for crafting wines of exceptional depth, complexity, and sophistication. The Vergelegen Reserve Straw Wine 2021 continues this tradition with an exceptional sweet wine that offers a unique blend of flavors.



General Information

- **Producer:** Vergelegen
- **Appellation:** Stellenbosch, South Africa
- **Varietal Composition:** 50% Sauvignon Blanc, 50% Semillon
- **Vintage:** 2021
- **Alcohol Content:** 13%
- **Volume:** 375ml (half bottle)



Vineyard and Terroir

- **Location:** Stellenbosch
- **Viticulture Practices:** Grapes were allowed to dry naturally, concentrating the flavors and sugars.



Winemaking

- **Harvest:** Handpicked grapes were carefully selected.
- **Vinification:** The grapes were fermented and aged in oak barrels, giving depth and character to the wine.



Tasting Notes

- **Appearance:** Beautiful pale gold color.
- **Aroma:** Intense aromas of tropical fruit, apricot, honey, and floral notes.
- **Palate:** Rich, concentrated flavors of dried fruits, honey, and citrus, balanced by a refreshing acidity.



Food Pairing

- **Recommended Pairings:** Pairs excellently with blue cheeses, fruit-based desserts, or as a dessert wine on its own.



Sustainable Practices and Certifications

- Vergelegen is a pioneer in sustainability and biodiversity efforts:
- Awarded the Sustainable Wine Tourism Practices prize in the 2024 Best of Wine Tourism Awards, demonstrating its commitment to eco-friendly winemaking.
- The estate was the first South African Biodiversity and Wine Initiative Champion in 2005, with sustainability remaining central to all activities. Vergelegen's significant alien vegetation clearing project culminated in a 1900-hectare reserve, granted the same protection status as the Kruger National Park.
- They actively support Fairtrade, reduce carbon emissions, practice land conservation by keeping over 2,000 hectares free from agricultural activity, and are a participant in the Cape Leopard Trust.



Awards and Recognition

- The Vergelegen Straw Wine has consistently received critical acclaim, showcasing its outstanding quality. In the 2024 Tim Atkin South Africa Report, it achieved an 95 score, underscoring its place among South Africa's most celebrated dessert wines. These accolades affirm the exceptional craftsmanship and dedication that Vergelegen puts into every bottle.

Producer's Notes

The Vergelegen Reserve Straw Wine 2021 reflects the estate's dedication to producing premium quality wines. Crafted from a 50/50 blend of Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon, the grapes were naturally dried to enhance their flavors, resulting in a rich, luscious wine with intense tropical fruit notes balanced by refreshing acidity. Aged in oak barrels, this straw wine showcases Vergelegen's commitment to creating elegant, complex wines that can be enjoyed now or aged further for greater depth.