

## Vergelegen Reserve Sauvignon Blanc 2020

*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. Vergelegen Reserve Sauvignon Blanc 2020 is a vibrant and elegant wine from the renowned Schaapenberg Vineyard, showcasing fresh citrus and tropical fruit flavors with a refined minerality that reflects the unique terroir of Stellenbosch*



### General Information

- **Producer:** Vergelegen Wine Estate
- **Appellation:** Stellenbosch, South Africa
- **Varietal Composition:** 100% Sauvignon Blanc
- **Vintage:** 2020
- **Alcohol Content:** 14.0%
- **Volume:** 750ml



### Vineyard and Terroir

- **Location:** The grapes are sourced from Vergelegen's renowned Schaapenberg Vineyard, located on a south-facing slope 320 meters above sea level, just 6.5 km from False Bay.
- **Soil Type:** The vineyard features a mix of decomposed granite and clay soils, providing excellent drainage and contributing to the wine's minerality.



## Winemaking

- **Harvest:** Grapes are hand-picked at optimal ripeness and immediately transported to the cellar in small wooden bins to preserve their quality.
- **Vinification:** The grapes undergo whole-bunch pressing using an inert gas system to prevent oxidation, followed by fermentation in stainless steel tanks at controlled temperatures (12-14°C) for 16 days. The wine is then aged on lees for 8 months to add complexity.



## Tasting Notes

- **Appearance:** Pale, green-tinged yellow.
- **Aroma:** Vibrant aromas of lime blossom, gooseberry, ripe guava, fresh passion fruit, and hints of white pepper and quince.
- **Palate:** Elegant and balanced, showing lively acidity and ripe fruit flavors, with a refined minerality and a crisp finish.



## Food Pairing

- **Recommended Pairings:** Long and clean, emphasizing citrus and tropical fruit notes.



## 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

- 92 points - Tim Atkin SA Wine Report
  - Platter's Guide - 4.5 stars
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## Producer's Notes

Vergelegen Reserve Sauvignon Blanc 2020 captures the essence of the Schaapenberg Vineyard, offering elegance, freshness, and a vibrant expression of Stellenbosch's unique terroir.