

## Vergelegen Semillon Reserve 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 Semillon Reserve 2021 continues this tradition, offering a wine that combines freshness, complexity, and finesse.*



### General Information

- **Producer:** Vergelegen
- **Appellation:** Stellenbosch, South Africa
- **Varietal Composition:** 85% Semillon, 15% Sauvignon Blanc
- **Vintage:** 2021
- **Alcohol Content:** 13.5%
- **Volume:** 750ml



### Vineyard and Terroir

- **Location:** The grapes were sourced from the estate's best-performing Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc vineyards.
- **Soil Type:** Alluvial and gravel soils.



### Winemaking

- **Harvest:** Grapes were harvested at perfect ripeness.
- **Vinification:** Whole bunch pressing was used to ensure the best quality juice. Fermentation took place in 225-liter French oak barrels, and the wine was matured in the barrel for nine months with regular lees stirrings.



## Tasting Notes

- **Appearance:** Attractive light green color.
- **Aroma:** Soft notes of white flowers, peaches, and a hint of floral spice, with the addition of Sauvignon Blanc contributing excellent acidity and freshness.
- **Palate:** Dry and full-bodied with a balanced acidity.



## Food Pairing

- **Recommended Pairings:** Ideal with soft cheeses, salads, or roast chicken.



## 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 Semillon has received acclaim, with previous vintages earning high ratings. The estate's reputation for producing outstanding Semillon ensures this wine is consistently recognized as one of South Africa's top offerings.
- The 2021 vintage was voted South Africa's best niche white wine.

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## **Producer's Notes**

The Vergelegen Semillon Reserve 2021 represents the estate's dedication to crafting premium wines, with this vintage offering a balance of freshness, complexity, and a touch of oak that elevates the natural character of the Semillon grape.