

WESTERN RESERVE WINES CLUB OCTOBER 2023

WINE: Avondale Jonty's Ducks Pekin White 2020



*VARIETALS: Chenin Blanc with balance
made up of Roussanne, Viognier & Semillon*

VITICULTURE AREA: Paarl, South Africa

Bottle Price: \$19.99 Case Price: \$215.89 plus tax

INTRODUCTION

Avondale is family owned and run wine estate in Paarl, South Africa/ Avondale specialize in top flight extraordinary wines approved by Mother Nature where we make natural slow wines with the utmost attention to detail and unique in character. "We hope that you enjoy this wine as much as we do!" *Johnathan Grieve*

We are thrilled to announce that Avondale Jonty's Ducks Pekin White 2020 has been classed as OUTSTANDING and awarded 95 POINTS in the Decanter Magazine.

Tasted by: Greg Sherwood MW, Beverley Blanning MW & Roger Jones (at Decanter Tasting Suite, London, 22 Jan 2023)

REGION

The **wine regions of South Africa** were defined under the "Wine of Origin" (*Wyn van Oorsprong*) act of 1973. Mirroring the French *Appellation d'origine contrôlée* (AOC) system, all South African wines listing a "Wine of Origin" must be composed entirely of grapes from its region. The "Wine of Origins" (WO) program mandates how wine regions of South Africa are defined and can appear on wine labels. While some aspects of the WO are taken from the AOC, the WO is primarily concerned with accuracy in labeling. As a result, the WO does not place adjunct regulations on wine regions such as delineating permitted varieties, trellising methods, irrigation techniques, and crop yields.

WO system divides growing regions into four categories. The largest and most generic are **Geographical Units** (such as the Western Cape region) which subsume the smaller, but still broad spanning **Regions** (such as Cape South Coast).

Under these are clustered **districts** (like Walker Bay) and within them are **wards** (such as Elgin). Although these are geographic units, regions and districts are largely traced by political boundaries (wards are the segment most defined by *Terroir* characteristics).



PRODUCER

VINEYARDS: 18 to 29 year old vines, cultivated organically. The vines yielded 6-8 tons per hectare.

WINEMAKING: The grapes were picked between 22° and 23 °B into press as whole bunches, and left to settle in tank overnight. The wine was fermented with wild yeast at between 18 and 24°C for ageing. A portion was fermented in used oak barrels (500 liter). Both the tank and barrel portions were kept on the lees for six to nine months and stirred frequently. The barrel portion was blended back.

CORNÉ SAYS: I taste pure fruit of lime, grapefruit, pineapple, quince, with just a dash of honey on the nose. The palate is dense with ripe flavours and juicy with tangy peach and brie flavours, delivered with good intensity and freshness. These mouthwatering flavours linger on the palate.

AGEING: Enjoy immediately but it will definitely enhance your cellar should you wish to lay it down for four years.

Owner Johnathan Grieve employs a “posse” of ducks, which patrol the vineyard looking for and destroying snails, which eat the vines. The ducks are an eco-friendly way to avoid using harmful chemical poisons to kill pests and act as the guardians of the vines on Avondale.



Got Snails??



Get Ducks!!



Tasting Notes:

Greg Sherwood MW: Plush with seductive notes of pineapple puree, tart yellow plum, yellow orchard fruits and a focused, sweet-sour intensity on the long, pure finish. Impressive.

Beverly Blanning MW: A Rhône-esque feel, lots of peaches and apricots, savoury character. Silkily textured, glossy fruit and lower-than usual acidity. A creamy richness from the partner grapes.

Roger Jones: Fresh, opulent perfume, floral notes and wild herbs. Racy, focused citrus essence balancing ripe nectarine, pear and delicate brioche. Great blend.

Food Suggestions:

White food pairings: Spinach and pepper jack stuffed chicken, pork tenderloin, toasted ravioli served with Alfredo sauce.

Remember We Taste The Bad Ones So you don't have to! CHEERS!!!

Sources:

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