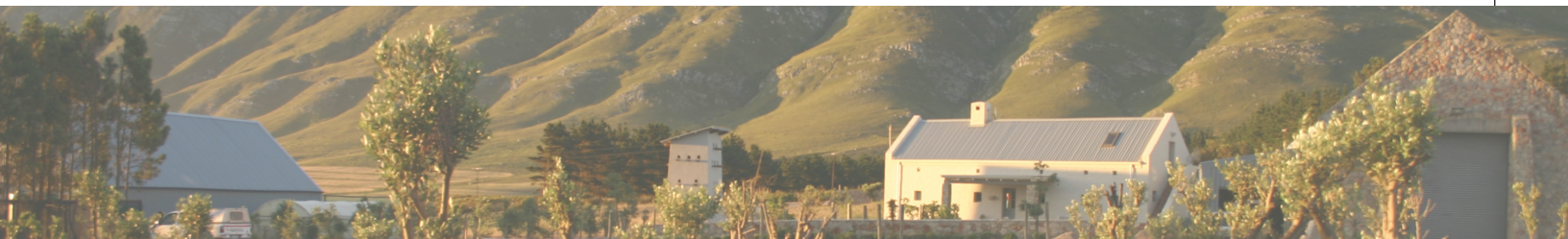




2020  
**NAUTICAL DAWN**  
STELLENBOSCH \* WALKER BAY, SOUTH AFRICA



Since its maiden vintage in 2017, Nautical Dawn has helped showcase the raw talent of the False Bay coast of Stellenbosch - a vital part of the Cape Chenin story. The wine has quite an extreme personality. Even with early picking, this vineyard delivers huge flavor with intense concentration and ripping natural acid.

Nautical Dawn is the phase of dawn that occurs between astrological dawn and civilian dawn. It's a mysterious time of day - dark enough to see the stars for navigation, light enough to hoist a sail.

### VITICULTURE/VINIFICATION

On Rustenhof farm in Firgrove, southern Stellenbosch, there's a small granite hill called Sinai. The crown of the hill has a few small granite domes protruding from the soil, waves breaking only 4kms away. The hillside is planted from top to bottom with dry farmed bushvine Chenin Blanc. Nautical Dawn is made from a parcel planted in 1978 on the upper part of the slope. The vine rows run with the contour of the hill. The granite soil is shallow and warms quickly, causing this to be one of the earliest picks of the season, despite the relentless South-East wind.

Grapes were hand sorted and whole bunch pressed. The juice is very lightly settled with no additions to the raw juice, wild fermentation in took place in two 2000L Foudre's. Fermentation lasted for about two months. The wine was kept on lees for twelve months, then rested in tank on fine lees without fining for a further six months prior to bottling.

### TASTING NOTES

The wine is mouth filling and moreish, saline, and nimble with yellow fruit and sweet herbs. Lovely long resonating finish.

### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

VARIETALS:	100% Chenin Blanc
ALC:	13.45%
RS:	1.83 g/L
TOTAL ACIDITY:	6 g/L
PH:	3.35

### SCORES

97 points, Tim Atkin MW, December 2021

