

## BAYTEN Sauvignon Blanc 2021



Winemaker	Brad Paton
Varietal Blend	100% Sauvignon Blanc
Location	South Africa
Appellation	Constantia
Alcohol Content	13.4%
TA	7.0 g/l
pH	3.26
RS	4.3 g/l

### Certifications

Integrated Production of Wines (IPW) Certified

### Other

Vegan Friendly

### VINEYARDS:

Long referred to as "Bayten" by locals, Buitenverwachting is located on the east-facing slopes of the Constantiaberg Mountain. Buitenverwachting's vineyards once formed part of the original Constantia estate, founded by the Cape's first governor, Simon van der Stel, in the late 17th century. Breezes sweeping in from False Bay, a mere eight miles away, make it one of South Africa's coolest winegrowing areas. The Sauvignon Blanc is planted in soils of Clovelly and Tukulu, both forms of decomposed granite. The vineyards are dry farmed, and vines range in age from 8-22 years.

### VINTAGE:

Warmer periods during the latter part of the winter resulted in some un-even budding, flowering and fruit set. The moisture levels in the soils were satisfactory throughout the growing and ripening phase, and very little moisture stress was noticeable on the vines. The late start to the 2021 harvest was one of the distinguishing hallmarks of this vintage. The cooler growing conditions of the 2021 vintage produced elegant wines with softer tannin structures that will make them accessible and drinkable from an earlier age.

### VINIFICATION AND MATURATION:

The handpicked grapes were crushed and left in contact with the skins for 12 hours before pressing. The juice was inoculated with five select yeast cultures, and a long, cool fermentation (54-61°F) took place in stainless steel tanks over a period of three weeks. The wine was aged on its lees in tank for approximately three months before bottling.

### TASTING NOTES:

This crisp, zesty Sauvignon Blanc displays textbook aromas and flavors of green fig, gooseberry and lime. Grassy herbal notes are supported by elegant underpinnings of mineral and chalk.

