

## The Fledge & Company

### Vagabond 2015

#### Cape White Blend

Chardonnay 35%, Steen 26%, Viognier 26%,

Verdelho 6.5% & Hárslevelü 6.5%



#### Philosophy –

*Prudentia Sine Vino* – an independently minded wine. A multi-varietal, multi-regional, “old skool” barrel fermented & matured Cape white, bottle unfiltered & unfiltered. An endeavour to showcase the diversity of the Cape.

#### Vineyard –

Combination of low yielding prime vineyard sites scattered across the length & breadth of the Cape combining a myriad of ancient soils, aspects & climates. All fruit was hand harvested at dawn. This vintage was highlighted by a drier than normal winter in 2014, warm dry spring & extremely early, but with near perfect harvest conditions.

#### Vinification –

The Chardonnay, Viognier & Verdelho components were crushed, allowed a period of skin contact, pressed directly into

old French oak barrels of varying size, inoculated with neutral yeasts strains & cool fermented. The Hárslevelü was destemmed & naturally fermented on skins for a week with regular *pigeage*, prior to the free run & foot pressed juice taken to a single old French barrel to complete fermentation. The old bush vine Steen was cold fermented in tank & transferred to barrel for maturation. The wine underwent 13 months of barrel maturation prior to blending, bottling unfiltered & unfiltered. Only yeast & small amounts of sulphur are added during the process.

#### Wine –

Generously fulsome yet zesty, elegant & complex with layers of flavour & heady aromatics – making for an ideal foil for mild Cantonese & Cape Malay cuisine, soft *fromage*, roast duck with citrus dressing or simply sip on its own. Serve lightly chilled & best decanted.

#### Anorak Facts

**Vintage** 2015 yielding 4000 bottles

**Alc.** 13.50%

**pH** 3.61

**TA** 4.3 g/l

**RS** 2.7 g/l

**Kudos** 93 pt Tim Atkin MW

**Drink now – 2025+ | Cellar horizontally | Best Decanted | Serve Chilled**

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