

REVENANT CHENIN BLANC

REVENANT – One that returns after death or a long absence.

South Africa first transformed grapes into the good stuff way back in 1659. By the 18th and 19th centuries our nation's wines were favoured by Napoleon, King Louis XVI, King George IV and Frederick The Great of Prussia, to name-drop just a few.

What happened next is a long and debated story, however, it can be said with some certainty that only in the last decade or so has the phoenix risen again on the international stage.

The astonishing variety of soils and climates, all found within a relatively small area around the magnificently appointed city of Cape Town, make for an irresistible proposition: A playground of seemingly limitless potential, that for the last ten years or so have been ridden by a merry band of 'New Wave' winemakers who seek out naturally balanced, often old vineyards and then, crucially, transform those grapes into wine with minimal additions in the cellar.

Travel back a little further to 1994, before founding Waterkloof - his regenerative vineyard overlooking False Bay. It was then, after years making wine in France, that Paul Boutinot started a company named False Bay Vineyards in South Africa. Paul sought out and gave a new lease of life to old and under-appreciated vineyards in the coastal winelands. Treasures that were otherwise destined to be lost in the large co-operative blends that still dominated South Africa's wine industry back then. Unusually (at the time) he transformed those gems into wines with a minimum of intervention with, for example, wild yeast fermentations and no additions of enzymes, acid or powdered tannins. Back then he was swimming against the tide and even today, making wine this way at the price-level remains a rarity.

Made by Nadia Langenegger and the team at False Bay Vineyards, Revenant celebrates this rebirth of a traditional, more natural approach to winemaking and its important role in the recent renaissance of South Africa's wine industry.



Chenin Blanc from Coastal Vineyards

- Sustainably Farmed
- WWF Biodiversity Champion Producer
- Hand Picked Grapes
- Delicately Pressed
- Naturally Crafted
- Wild Ferment
- Vegan Wine