



LA TÊTE

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Rickety Bridge | Paulina's Reserve Semillon | 2015 R300
25 year old Franschhoek vines. glass R75

Cederberg Ghost Corner | Semillon | 2010 R420
"Young" 15 year old vines, cool Elim climate and light oaking differentiate from the others.

David & Nadia | Siebritskloof Semillon | 2016 R480
Made from two single vineyards on the Paardebosch farm in Swartland, 57 and 45 years old.

Raised by Wolves | La Colline "Groen Druif" | 2016 R500
The first of our Franschhoek "La Colline" selection, using Semillon Blanc.

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Predominantly from the oldest vineyard in South Africa planted in 1902, and small parcels from La Colline and another 75 year old vineyard.

Thorne & Daughters | Paper Kite | 2016 R630
Made from two vineyards in Swartland and Franschhoek that are 52 and 85 years old respectively, includes both Semillon Blanc and Semillon Gris.

Thorne & Daughters | Tin Soldier | 2015 R630
Skin-fermented blend of Semillon Blanc and Gris, from vineyards in Swartland and Franschhoek that are 5 and 32 years old respectively.

Klein Constantia | Semillon | 2004 R850
These relatively young (11 years at time of vintage) Semillon vineyards were planted for blending, and in exceptional years a single variety was made. Beautiful aged Semillon.

Black Elephant Vintners | The Dark Side of the Vine | 2015 R950
Single vineyard Franschhoek vines from the Bo-Hoek Valley planted in 1905. The wine uses both Semillon Blanc and Gris. Epitomises everything we love about old-vine Semillon.

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