

ASLINA

CHARDONNAY 2017



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BY NTSIKI BIYELE

Hailing from the rolling hills of Zululand, Ntsiki Biyela embarked on a life changing journey to the Cape Winelands. It was here where she discovered her talent and passion of creating captivating wines. Out of her dream comes a brand that pays tribute to her great inspiration, her beloved grandmother, Aslina.

Every sip encapsulates the passion, elegance, and vision with which it was crafted. Discover the magic of Aslina, an expression of love, beauty and serenity embodied within it.



 **ORIGIN**
Western Cape, South Africa

 **WINEMAKER**
Ntsiki Biyela

 **WINEMAKING**
Grapes were handpicked at optimum ripeness end of February 2017. Crushed and pressed, part of the wine was fermented in barrels and part in tank. Grapes were picked from Stellenbosch, a warm climate, and Elgin. Stellenbosch grapes were put in second fill barrel while Elgin grapes were in the tank. 44% of the wine was in second fill barrels for 10 months while the rest was on the in the tank.

 **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**
Sustainability Certified (Integrated Production of Wine - IPW). Minimal use of pesticides. Vegan.

 **SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**
Grapes come from WIETA-certified producers. WIETA is the Wine Industry Ethical Trade Association.

 **PRODUCTION**
500 cases

 **TECHNICAL**
Alc 13.0%, R/Sugar 2.2 g/l, TA 5.9 g/l, pH 3.3

 **VARIETAL**
100% Chardonnay

 **VINEYARDS**
Altitude: 180 meters
Soil Type: Shale and granite
Irrigation: Drip irrigation

 **NOSE**
A complex chardonnay, creamy, round and soft. Partial wooding gives this wine the edge and to show the beautiful tropical fruit and limy character. Slight buttery character showing on the palate. Good acidity balancing the fruit and wood.

 **AGEING**
A wine best enjoyed 3 years from vintage.

 **ACCOLADES**
2017, "The Most Innovative Women in Food and Drink" (Food and Wine Magazine; Fortune Magazine);
2017, "Add Ntsiki Biyela, South Africa's First Black Female Winemaker, To Your List of Winemakers To Follow" (Forbes)
2009, South Africa Woman Winemaker of the Year