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AVONDALE ARMILLA 2014 *Blanc de Noir*

COSMIC CIRCLES CONNECTING THE CELESTIAL TO SOIL - Sparkling with joy, this Vintage Brut is full of the verve that comes from Avondale's holistic way of making delicious, natural wines. Armilla embodies our celebration of life on the farm.

ARMILLA'S EMBLEM - Armilla bears Avondale's logo, a rendition of the Armillary sphere, an ancient astronomical instrument used to show the position of stars around the earth. It represents Avondale's holistic approach to life on our farm where, from the minerals in the soil to the stars in the skies, all is combined in an energised, living system.

GRAPE VARIETALS - Armilla Blanc de Noir is made from Pinot Noir grapes from 15 year-old organically-grown vines that have a low yield of 6 to 8 ton of healthy, balanced fruit.

THE MAKING OF ARMILLA BLANC DE NOIR - The grapes were hand-picked in the cool early morning at 18° to 19° Balling. Whole bunches were pressed, the juice settled and then racked to 500L older French Oak barrels for natural fermentation. The wine was left on the lees for 24 months, after which it was bottled to allow second fermentation in glass. The wine stayed on the lees in glass for 84 months before it was disgorged.

ARMILLA BLANC DE NOIR'S CHARACTER - A pale pink Blanc de Noir Method Cap Classic. The fine lively mousse provides aromas of alluring rosewater and blackcurrants. On the palate, you can expect a perfect balance of toasty brioche, fresh red berries, cherries, a hint of orange peel and mineral flavours which add to the complexity and richness. The full, creamy mouthfeel leads to a lingering, dry finish, leaving a lasting impression of refinement and sophistication.

WINEMAKER - Corné Marais

VITICULTURIST - Johnathan Grieve

ORIGIN - Paarl, South Africa

ALCOHOL - 11,5% | **PH** - 3.09 | **TA** - 6.10g/l | **RS**- 1.7g/l

AGEING - 2032



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