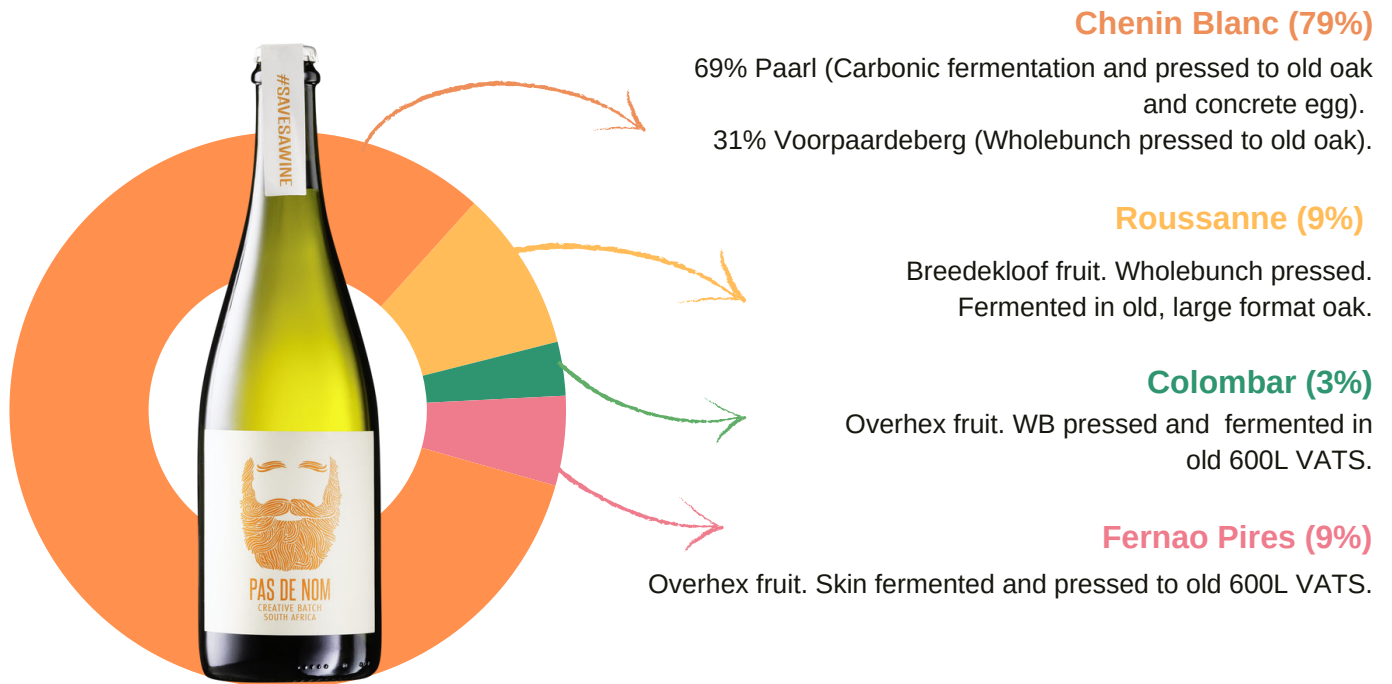


CREATIVE BATCH 2025

We first started our journey with the Creative Batch project in turbulent times during the 2020 pandemic-driven prohibition, where v1.0 was born. As with all mediums of expression, such as writing, we believe the first draft is the most important. It requires you to tap into your intuition and create with your heart. From there, it's all about the art of revision.

This wine is all about the journey of discovery. Perhaps, because we travel far to bring all the parcels together under one roof. Perhaps, because we get to explore the Western Cape and the stories told by hidden blocks and their keepers along the way. And perhaps, most importantly, because it takes me on a spiritual and cognitive journey as a winemaker in search of her roots through the preservation of fruit. The Creative Batch has changed massively over the years, but who hasn't? At the end of the day, the future favours the adaptable.



The 2025 Creative Batch feels more focused. Chenin Blanc gives main character energy, with the rest playing a quieter, supporting role. Less about pushing boundaries, more about seeing things clearly. A slower, stretched season gave everything time to fall into place — smaller berries, thicker skins, longer hang time - more texture, be warned. Nothing rushed, nothing forced. On the nose: citrus peel, soft florals and a very unapologetic note of ripe papaya. A gentle spice follows, with layers of stone fruit and a subtle savoury edge unfolding more slowly. If last year was an explosion, this is more of a slow burn. The palate is lively, textured and saline, with a pithy grip and fresh acidity carrying it through. There's energy, but also composure — it doesn't shout, but it definitely has something to say.

The power of suggestion is strong, but if you don't get what we are on about, it doesn't mean you're wrong. Wine is a sensory experience — a deeply personal journey shaped by your past. So feel free to reach out and let us know what you think of this glass.

W.O.	ALC	TA	VA	RS	pH
Western Cape	13.50 % VOL	5.60 g/l	0.35 g/l	1.90 g/l	3.54

The PAS DE NOM CREATIVE BATCH is an atypical character that was born during unconventional times. It is an all-encompassing package containing the works of many growers from all corners of our industry. Hence the closure reading “#SAVESAWINE”, a campaign created in support and aid of the livelihoods dependent on our South African wine industry.