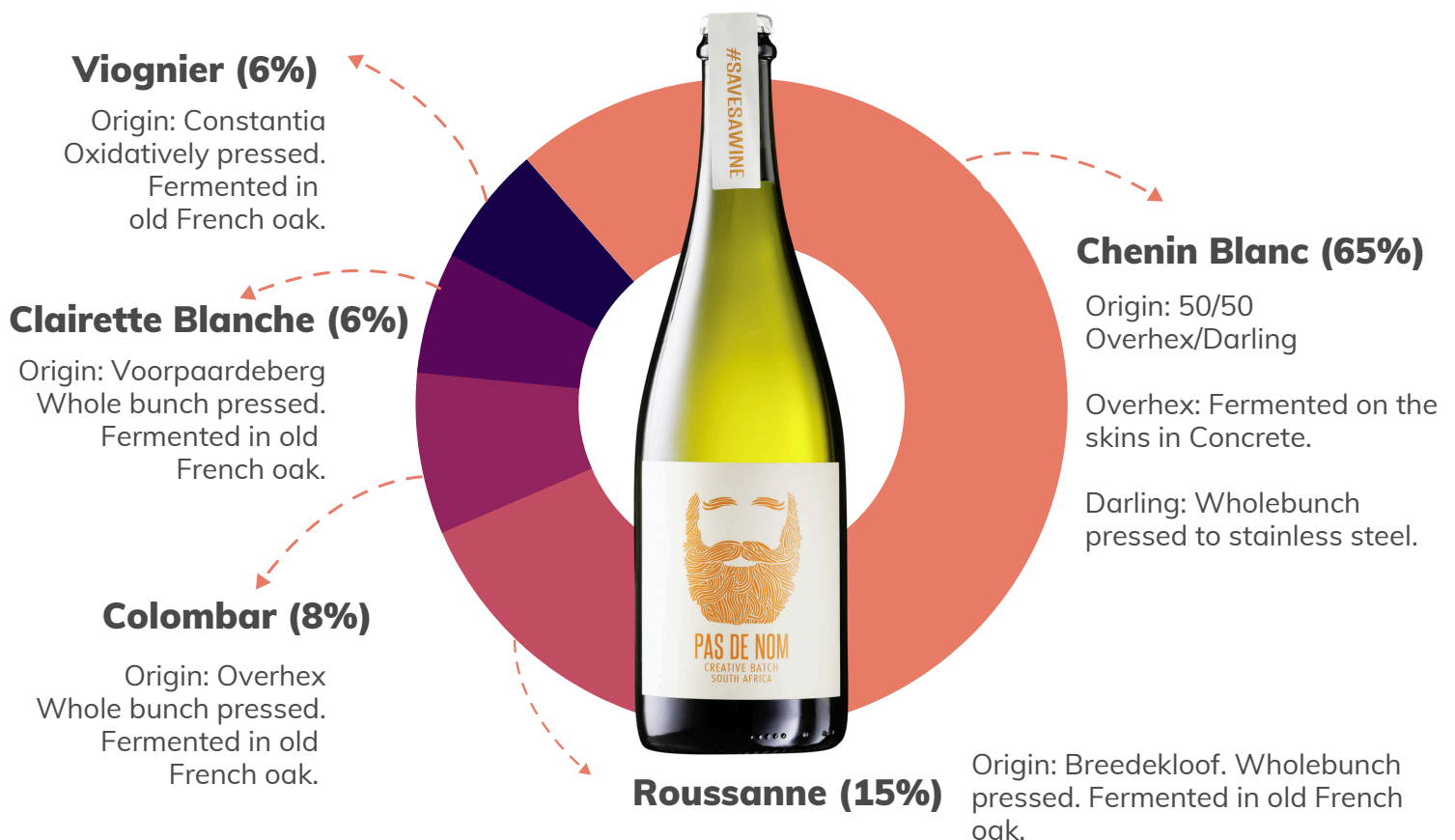


CREATIVE BATCH 2022

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 very far to bring all the parcels together under one roof. Perhaps, because we physically 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, cognitive journey as a winemaker in search of her roots through the preservation of fruit. The Creative Batch has changed massively over the last year, but who hasn't? Each year comes with its own set of circumstances and each year I strive to adapt to my environment as well as some of the older blocks that essentially make this wine.

The 2022 is nervous and appreciates an encouraging swirl before opening up. At first the nose shows citrus zest, which in time unravels into sweet, yet bright, mandarin and the lively spices that will always show in the Creative Batch due to the Overhex fruit. Cardamon, cumin and ginger are strange characters for a white wine with no time in new oak, yet it perfectly seasons this melting pot that cleans the palate with a pithy finish. If you have, at this stage, not yet started peeling away at waxy, terpene-like layers of orange oil and juniper berries, patiently put your glass aside and revisit it later. Good things take time, and this vintage will age beautifully.



W.O.	ALC	TA	VA	RS	pH
Western Cape	12.27 % VOL	5.9 g/l	0.55 g/l	1.8 g/l	3.38

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.