

PAS DE NOM WHITE

2025

This year

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After a nervous start with winter rains and cold units very delayed, the 2025 harvest is now being hailed as one of the greats, characterized by sustained mild and dry conditions. Late July-August rains delayed pruning significantly, but considering that early pruning promotes growth, while late pruning increases fertility, it was positive. We managed to enable each vine to build up reserves before the buds emerge and become vulnerable, whilst reducing vigour and resultant reserve depletion to allow for a longer hang time in a season that delivered. The 2025 harvest asked us to slow down, and in doing so, gave us one of the most rewarding seasons yet. Even with budding and ripening arriving later than usual, a stretched season gave the vines time to build character at their own pace. Winds swept through our vineyards, which already daringly cling to our near-vertiginous mountainside, but they shaped smaller berries with thicker skins, bringing colour, intensity and freshness without heavy alcohols. There were moments of challenge — tricky leaf work, long days on the slopes, and the patience of waiting — but every bit of effort was matched by the quality of fruit we received in the cellar. It takes a village to raise a vintage, and the combined efforts and expertise of everyone involved will echo sensorially from ground to glass as these vibrant 2025 vintage wines with deep colour, silky tannins and exceptional longevity are poured.

The wine

This vintage once again brings together grapes from the cool coastal slopes near Darling — the kind of place where ocean breezes keep things crisp and bright. The blend is the familiar 78% Sauvignon Blanc and 22% Sémillon, but this year's Sémillon came off the vines blushing candyfloss pink, full of ripe, generous flavour. Both components were fermented cool in stainless steel to keep those fresh, vibrant aromatics alive. After fermentation, the wine spent seven months on its gross lees, adding a soft, creamy texture beneath all that zippy energy. In the glass, it shows a pale straw hue that hints at its coastal roots. The nose bursts with citrus — think grapefruit, lemon zest, and a touch of white blossom. On the palate, the Sauvignon Blanc brings lively acidity and drive, while the ripe Sémillon smooths the edges with a waxy, almost silky feel. It's a beautifully balanced dance of freshness and texture, finishing clean and bright — a little salty, a little sunny, and absolutely moreish. Whether you're sharing it over a long lunch or sipping it seaside, the 2025 Pas de Nom White is all about effortless enjoyment with a touch of coastal charm.



W.O.	ALC	TA	VA	RS	pH
Western Cape	13.71 % VOL	6.4 g/l	0.26 g/l	1.6 g/l	3.34

Pas de Nom meaning Without Name is something so sublime that it could only be inspired by an individual of character, strength and temerity. This range of wines is a tribute to our late farm manager, Japie Bronn, who has been instrumental in developing the vineyards on some of the steepest slopes in the Cape.

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