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CYCLUS 2009

THE POWER OF THE VORTEX - Nature uses the spinning, turbulent flow of the vortex to energise and revive fluids. Biodynamic farming mimics this powerful stimulating motion in the hand-stirring of preparations as a connection to the universal forces. We named our dynamic, refreshingly complex White Blend Cyclus, because of the elegant way that Avondale's unique life energy swirls through its invigorating layers.

CYCLUS'S EMBLEM - The spiral can be found in every aspect of Nature. Its expression in liquids is the vortex which is easily observed in the unexpected, creative whorls and eddies in flowing water. The vortex represents power and dynamism.

GRAPE VARIETIES - Cyclus is made from 60% Viognier grapes with the balance made up of Chenin Blanc, Chardonnay and Semillon grapes. The vines range from 8 to 20 years in age, and have low yields from 4 to 8 tons of healthy, balanced grapes.

THE MAKING OF CYCLUS - The hand-picked, organically grown grapes were harvested at 22 and 23° balling. Whole bunches were pressed and left to settle for between 1 and 3 days. 60% was fermented in 500-litre French Oak barrels at between 10 and 20° Celsius, and then kept on the lees for 10 to 11 months. The balance was fermented in stainless tanks. After natural fermentation, blending took place in stainless steel tanks.

CYCLUS'S CHARACTER - With a soft, rich nose of violets and peach, and just a hint of frangipani, Cyclus holds all the promise of a quality Viognier blend. This is beautifully carried through to the palate where the intense fruit flavours of pear, pineapple, apricot and fig are rounded off with smooth, subtle oak for a creamy, long-structured finish.

WINEMAKER - Corné Marais

VITICULTURIST - Johnathan Grieve

ORIGIN - Paarl, South Africa

ALCOHOL - 14% **PH** - 3.49 **TA** - 5.9g/l **AGEING** - 2017



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