

FIZZ

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APRIL CLUB BOTTLE

GENEVIEVE, CAP CLASSIQUE, 2021, BLANC DE BLANCS, BRUT, BOT RIVER



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There's a quiet magic to Bot River, windswept, sunlit, and just a touch wild, and this cuvée feels like a direct translation of that landscape into sparkling form. While many people look to Stellenbosch, Bot River flies under the radar, but it shouldn't. Its cool maritime influence and strong winds naturally preserve acidity, making it ideal for Cap Classique.

Melissa Nelsen is one of the standout female voices in South African sparkling wine. In a category historically dominated by larger houses, she built Genevieve as a boutique, quality-first project, focusing solely on traditional method sparkling.

Crafted entirely from Chardonnay grown in deep riverside soils, this 2021 release is all about precision. The fruit, harvested early for brightness, undergoes whole-bunch pressing, preserving a crystalline purity, before resting for an impressive 42 months on lees. That extended aging reveals itself in layers: lemon curd and green apple at first, then revolving into toasted brioche, almond skin, and a subtle flinty minerality that lingers like sea spray.

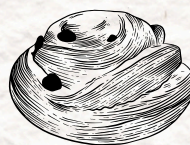
What stands out most is its composure. There's no excess here, no oak, no malolactic softness, just a clean, architectural line of acidity wrapped in a fine, persistent mousse. It's the kind of bottle that doesn't shout, but instead draws you in, glass after glass, revealing new nuances each time.



LEMON CURD



GREEN APPLE



TOASTED BRIOCHE



ALMOND SKIN

WHY WE LOVE THIS

One of the standout female voices
in South African sparkling wine

VARIETAL

100% Chardonnay

AGE

42 months on lees