



Downes Family Semillon 2017

Wine Maker: Kevin Watt , James Downes,
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Appellation: Elgin

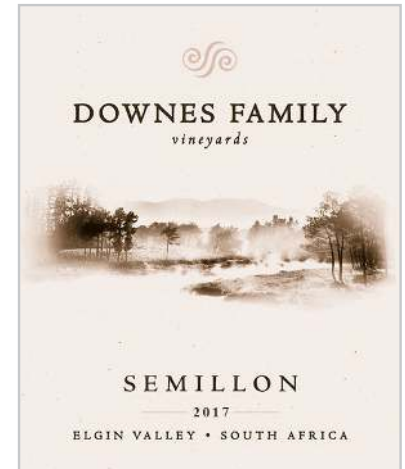
Varietal: Semillon

Cases: 2,000 - 6 bottle cases

Yields per Acre: 3-4 tons per acre.

Wood treatment: 100% barrel-fermented in once-used oak

Alcohol: 14%



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Winemaker Notes: ::Known as Downes Family Wines in the U.S. and Shannon Family Wines in South Africa:: Our vineyards are found nestled along the banks of the Palmiet River in the cool climate Elgin Valley. Over 4 decades of experienced and meticulous viticulture, coupled with ancient stoney soils and cool misty morning ensure grapes of uncompromising quality that require minimal winemaking intervention in the quest for wines of complexity and elegance.

Made in extremely limited quantities this is a gorgeous example for the varietal, displaying concentration without weight. The nose offers up a slight quinine quality underpinning to the citrus, lime zest tones with a light note of musk and spice adding intrigue. Beautifully balanced, the palate is round on entry with good breadth with mineral notes infused into the spicy, citrus flavors, cut with nice acidity that gives it freshness and drive. Semillon's natural propensity for viscosity is kept in check, allowing the wine to offer richness while finishing dry and smooth. Showcasing noted fruit intensity with good palate cling and length on the finish, this is lovely stuff, almost reminding of well made white Bordeaux. Showing well now, this should drink beautifully over the next 2-3 years.
