

THERE IS STILL HOPE
JULIEN  SCHAAAL
BETWEEN THE DREAMS

ELGIN - SOUTH AFRICA

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Julien Schaal	Evidence Chardonnay	2017	Elgin	16 Nov 2018	17	2019 - 2025
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Screwcap. The vines here are probably the oldest in the appellation. The soil is a very stony red clay. The gentle, north-facing slope of the vineyard aids the long and even ripening-process. This region has a unique climate and topography, consisting of an upland basin plateau, surrounded by mountain ranges on all sides. The grapes are picked by hand at the coolest time of the day. After a gentle pressing, the juice goes to 300-litre barrels. Long fermentation followed by at least 12 months in wood.

Inviting rich, toasty aroma. There's a slight smokiness but no attempt to overplay the struck-match card. That same toasty sweetness on the palate but balanced by zesty and melon fruit with a touch of orange. Very dry but creamy, slightly lacking in the oatmeal character that I find in the best burgundies but has great balance between freshness and richness. Much more hedonistic than Julien and Sophie Schaal's Alsace Rieslings. It may well age longer but I am being cautious since I have not tasted older vintages. (JH)

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