

L'AVENIR

STELLENBOSCH



GRAPE VARIETIES

Chenin Blanc

APPELLATION

Wine of Origin
Stellenbosch

ALCOHOL CONTENT

14% Alc/Vol.

PH

3.48

RESIDUAL SUGAR

1.7g/L

Single Block Chenin Blanc 2016

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The 2.0ha planting of Chenin Blanc is the oldest on the farm. Established in 1973, this single block is also one of the oldest in South Africa still used for vinification. Row and bunch selection of this single block make it possible to produce this Single Block Chenin Blanc. Situated in a cooler pocket of the farm with a southerly aspect and alongside a dam, the soils seldom require additional irrigation during the hot summer months. In special years the block is prone to a touch of carefully monitored Botrytis infection that promotes the production of high quality, intricately complex wine.

VINIFICATION

Yeast: Selected strains of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (Vin 2000)

Fermentation: Fermentation started at 12-14°C in stainless steel tanks for 3 days and then transferred to Acacia Barrels and 1- 3rd Fill French oak to complete fermentation.

Maceration: Skin contact limited to 3 hours

Malolactic fermentation: None

Maturation: Left on the healthy lees, in Acacia and French oak barrels for 12 months, whilst performing battonage on a weekly basis for 3 months, then on a monthly basis.

Fining: Bentonite, isinglass, PVPP.

TASTING NOTES

Appearance : Brilliant pale gold.

Nose : A mesmerising nose of sun-dried apricots and peach blossoms, ripe yellow pears, sweet oranges and a delicate hint of almonds.

Palate : A fruit-rich wine that lingers on the palate with well-balanced acidity and oak nuances. A touch of soft lime and a whisper of almond create an intriguing aftertaste that is both fresh and decadent.

FOOD PAIRINGS

A rich wine and complex wine that calls for equally opulent cuisine, such as confit duck or pan seared scallops.

VINTAGE REPORT

Consecutive dry vintages led to early ripening and relatively low yields. The grapes were, however, very healthy, with particularly small and flavoursome berries.