

INDABA Chenin Blanc 2021



Winemakers	Bruwer Raats & Clayton Christians
Varietal Blend	100% Chenin Blanc
Location	South Africa
Appellation	Western Cape
Alcohol Content	13.02%
TA	5.64 g/l
pH	3.47
RS	1.93 g/l

Certifications

Integrated Production of Wines (IPW) Certified



VINEYARDS:

The grapes were sourced from select vineyard sites in Paarl and Stellenbosch, characterized by soils of Table Mountain sandstone, decomposed Dolomite granite and shale. The vines range in age from 8 to 37+ years old, and more than half are low-yielding dry farmed bush vines.

VINTAGE:

The winter rainfall was higher than the previous two winters. Irregular winter temperatures until the flowering period, together with cool growing conditions, led to great variations in the vineyards. The cool weather and regular rain showers led to less water stress on the vines during ripening. Harvest time was characterized by regular rain showers.

VINIFICATION AND MATURATION:

The grapes were picked in the cool early morning hours, de-stemmed, crushed and gently pressed. The juice settled overnight and was then cold fermented in stainless steel tanks over a period of approximately three weeks. The wine was aged on its lees in tank for five months, with occasional lees stirring. A portion (14%) was whole bunch pressed straight to 300 liter French oak barrels, where it fermented naturally. It was aged on the lees for five months for enhanced richness and texture on the palate.

TASTING NOTES:

Chenin Blanc is South Africa's most widely planted varietal and the Cape's signature white. A crisp and easy-drinking chenin blanc, this bottle is a refreshing essence vibrantly infused with flavors of honeyed pear, golden delicious apple, and luscious tropical fruit.



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