

# CHAPTER THREE 2019 STELLENBOSCH CHENIN BLANC



**WINEMAKING NOTE:** This 100% Chenin blanc from a single 34-year-old bush vine vineyard in the Stellenbosch growing on slate soils.

The grapes were harvested at around 21,5 brix on the 13th February. The grapes are picked into small grape crates and put in a cold store overnight. The grapes are whole bunch pressed the next day and the juice settled overnight before being taken to 400L old and new French oak barrels (25% being new) for fermentation. The fermentation is allowed to start naturally and once completed the wine is topped and matured sur lie for 9 months with regular lees stirring. Only small amounts of SO2 was used in the making of this wine. This wine is bottled without fining or filtration.

One 400L barrel was bottled in November 2019.

## **TASTING NOTES:**

**COLOUR:** This wine has a vibrant pale straw colour.

**NOSE:** This wine has subtle aromas of fresh white peach, lemons zest and perfumed citrus blossom. There are hints of fresh brioche and toasted almonds.

**PALATE:** The wine enters the palate with all these fresh subtle fruit and floral notes evident on the nose but leads to a surprisingly rich mid-palate and pithy texture towards the finish. The finish is vibrant, fresh and lingering. This wine has perfect balance and poise.

**FOOD PAIRING:** This wine is a perfect accompaniment to grilled fish and chicken dishes.

**MATURATION:** This wine drinks well on release but will reward with cellaring for up to 10 years from harvest.

**PRODUCTION:** 477 bottles

#### **TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:**

pH: 3.32TA: 6.30 g/lRS: 2.0 g/l

• Alc: 13.5 % by vol.

## **AWARDS**

• New Release

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# VITICULTURE | AREA: STELLENBOSCH

Altitude:	Aspect:	Row direction:	Planted in:	Soil Type:	Training:	Pruning:	Irrigation:	Plant Density:	Cropping:
265m	North East	SE to NW	1986	Glenrosa & Oakleaf over Malmesbury Shale	Bush Vine	Spur pruned	Supplemen- tary drip	2687 vines per hectare (1.2m X 3m spacing)	8 tons/ha or 52 hl/ha