

CHAPTER TWO 2019 SWARTLAND CHENIN BLANC



WINEMAKING NOTE: This 100% Chenin blanc from a single 48-year-old bush vine vineyard in the Paardeberg, Swartland growing on decomposed granite soils.

The grapes were harvested at around 22 brix on the 30th January to try and retain acidity yet express fruit. 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 French barrels for fermentation. The fermentation is allowed to start naturally and once completed the wine is topped and matured sur lie for 10 months with regular lees stirring. Only small amounts of SO2 are used in the making of this wine. This wine was bottled without fining or filtration.

One 400L barrel was bottled in November 2019

TASTING NOTES:

COLOUR: This wine has a beautiful pale straw colour.

NOSE: The nose of the wine is bursting with complex aromas of yellow and white peach, citrus blossom, dry straw and toasted almonds.

PALATE: The palate is full of the flavours evident on the nose with a hint of tart quince and pithy notes on the midpalate. There are flavours of toasted almonds and creamy notes evident due to time on the lees in barrel. The wine still finishes with clarity and freshness.

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: 467 bottles

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:

- PH: 3.32
- TA: 6.30 g/l
- RS: 2.0 g/l
- Alc: 13.5% by vol.

AWARDS

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VITICULTURE | AREA: SWARTLAND - LANGKLOOF

| Altitude: | Aspect: | Row direction: | Planted in: | Soil Type: | Training: | Pruning: | Irrigation: | Plant Density: | Cropping: |
|-----------|---------|----------------|-------------|-----------------------|-----------|----------------|-------------|---|------------------------|
| 303m | East | NA | 1971 | Decomposed Granite | Bush Vine | Spur pruned | None | 2500 vines per hectare (1.2m X 3.4 m spacing) | 4tons/ha or 25hl/ha |