



Land of Hope Reserve Chenin Blanc 2014

Helderberg - Stellenbosch



Rooted in ancient decomposed granitic soils, this Chenin Blanc is from a single vineyard on an ocean-facing slope of the Helderberg Mountain in Stellenbosch. Following an extremely wet and relatively cold and long winter the Spring came late. Intermittent sunshine punctuated by windy and cold weather meant a pretty uneven budding. An abundance of soil moisture meant lots of vigour during the growing season and careful canopy management and crop thinning was needed to keep disease pressure to a minimum. The ripening period and lead up to harvest was marked by warm days and cool nights which created great concentration in the crop. Grapes were handpicked and hand sorted, as always, and brought to our cellar in the cool of the morning where they were destemmed and lightly crushed. A small amount of skin contact was employed to increase the depth and intensity of the juice before pressing. The juice was fermented in Burgundian French oak barrels of which around 20% were new. A small portion of tank fermented Chenin was added for the final blend, to enhance the fresh and mineral focus of the wine. Chenin Blanc is South Africa's most versatile premium white grape, with unique qualities and flavours derived from this site. This Chenin Blanc has genuine individuality, strength of character and a real sense of place as well as the potential to mature well for a further 3 – 5 years. This wine shows both the exuberance of the variety in its floral notes and its nobility in a compelling mineral acidity, naturally bestowed by the site in which it is grown. Balanced and poised, it provides just enough richness to please the palate and just the right amount of zing to refresh. We firmly believe Chenin will soon begin to earn recognition as South Africa's most premium white varietal - with the Perdeberg (Swartland) and the Helderberg (Stellenbosch) leading the way.

Alcohol:	13,57% by volume
PH:	3.55
Residual sugar:	2.38g/l
Total acidity:	4.46 g/l
Retail price:	R135.00 including VAT