

## KWV Classic Collection Cape Pale Dry

This wine has traditional, delicate flor yeast flavours - with a hint of nuttiness and a refreshing, dry finish.

Serve at room temperature or chilled in summer.

**variety :** Chenin Blanc | Chenin Blanc and Colombar  
**winery :** KWV Classic Collection  
**winemaker :** The Winemaking Team  
**wine of origin :** Western Cape  
**analysis :** alc : 17.62 % vol    rs : 14.09 g/l    pH : 3.49    ta : 5.14 g/l  
**type :** Dessert    **style :** Dry    **taste :** Fruity    wooded  
**pack :** Bottle    **size :** 0    **closure :** Cork

### in the vineyard : About the area

South Africa's vineyards are mostly situated in the Western Cape near the coast. This is the southernmost region of the African continent, and has a Mediterranean type climate with diverse soils, making it perfectly suited for the production of quality wines.

### in the cellar : Winemaking

Neutral base wine was produced from Chenin Blanc and Colombar grapes and partially fortified with neutral wine spirits. Following inoculation with a yeast it was left for 12 months before being introduced into the Solera system for maturation. In preparation for bottling the wine was blended with sweet Jerepigo to achieve the desired sugar level.

**Maturation:** 1 year in 500 litre barrels and 3 years in 1 800 litre barrels in the Solera system.

**Varietals:** Chenin Blanc and Colombar.

### Footnotes

**Solera system:** The Solera system is a very old traditional method for the making of sherry and aims to ensure a consistency of product. It involves the use of barrels for maturation and each year a percentage of between 10% - 30% is removed for bottling. This allows the barrel to be topped up with wine that has freshly come off flor.

**Flor Yeast:** A film of yeast on the surface of wine protecting the wine from oxidation and converting wine acid into aldehydes, the typical flavour of sherry products.

**Sherry:** A fortified wine made from white grapes produced from an area in Spain near the town of Jerez. Only sherry from this region (sherry triangle) is allowed to be labeled as sherry. Being respectful of the regions of the world, the word "Cape" is added to indicate a wine made in the traditional sherry style.

