

Vinum Chenin Blanc 2008

The nose hints at the wonderful elegance of this wine. White petals and citrus crispness integrated with light vanilla and cinnamon. Then the palate unfolds layers of fresh lime and gentle spices, underscored by an intensity of fruit which persists on the palate and finishes with a mineral resonance. In essence, it has immense personality and Stellenbosch-Helderberg driven personality. A complex, balanced combination of the finer attributes of good Chenin.

A highly versatile wine, apt for an unusual variety of cuisines.

variety : Chenin Blanc | 100% Chenin Blanc

winery : The Winery of Good Hope

winemaker : Team Effort

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 13.5 % vol rs : 2.9 g/l pH : 3.44 ta : 5.8 g/l

type : White **style :** Dry **wooded**

pack : Bottle **closure :** Screwcap

ageing : This wine is certain to give much pleasure now - and for a good few years to come. Good Chenin ages very well!

in the vineyard : These old bushvines are all from absolutely prime vineyards, located on the footslopes of the magnificent Helderberg Mountain, facing the ocean, in South-Westerly & South-Easterly orientation. They consistently produce some of the finest Chenin grapes in Stellenbosch, where many of the great examples in South Africa are produced. Chenin is often underestimated by many and not respected as a premium wine. We believe it to be the finest varietal in South Africa and certainly the most suited to our climate and geology.

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