

Bellingham The Bernard Series Old Vine Chenin Blanc 2011

A vibrantly golden wine with overt tropical fruit aromas layered with oatmeal, wheat and honey whiffs that follows through to lavish concentrated fruit flavours - powerful but comfortable on the palate with discernible subtle spicy oak complexity. The riveting finish is fresh and intense with tremendous length making it a great wine for enjoyment with food.

variety : Chenin Blanc | 100% Chenin Blanc

winery : Bellingham Wines

winemaker : Niel Groenewald

wine of origin : Coastal Region

analysis : alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 4.8 g/l pH : 3.3 ta : 6.4 g/l

type : White **style :** Dry **body :** Full **taste :** Fruity **wooded**

pack : Bottle **size :** 0 **closure :** Cork

2012 Veritas Wine Awards - Gold Medal

2012 Michelangelo CCL Label International Wine Awards - Gold

in the vineyard : Origin

Coastal Region Vineyard blocks in Agter-Paarl, Durbanville and Bottelary Hills

Vineyard Practice

The grapes for this wine are from 3 exceptional Chenin Blanc vineyards with an average age of 43 years. These low yielding (4-6 tons per hectare) mature bush vines grow in soils are predominately weathered granite with open canopies for maximum sunlight penetration.

about the harvest: Grapes were hand harvested at 24° B.

in the cellar : Grapes were pressed in whole bunches before single-lot fermentation. The wine is wood matured for 12 months in 50% new French oak and 50% second fill barrels with extended lees contact and regular stirring (battonage) for richness and added depth and dimension.



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