

Tierhoek Chenin Blanc 2009

"Rich, ripe green apple, pear, grape skins, melon, quince and a mineral bouquet. Restrained, elegant style with good natural freshness, smooth texture and balance. Full and complex effort with drive and concentration 17.38/20" Decanter, 2011 April

variety : Chenin Blanc | 100% Chenin Blanc

winery : Tierhoek

winemaker : Roger Burton

wine of origin : Piekenierskloof

analysis : alc : 14 % vol rs : 7.7 g/l pH : 3.43 ta : 6.6 g/l so2 : 93 mg/l fso2 : 22 mg/l

type : White **style :** Dry **body :** Medium **taste :** Mineral **wooded**

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

"Excellent, lightly oaked Chenin Blanc - the 2009 richly austere, pure-fruited and harmonious." Tim James

"The Tierhoek 2009 was splendid - the same kind of ripeness, ample but not overdone barrel notes and real persistence on the finish" Michael Fridjohn

4 Star - Platter Rating

in the vineyard : These 30 year old Chenin Blanc vines are all rooted on weathered sandstone. They are trellised on an east-facing "skuinskap" system, so the bunches are only exposed to the late morning sun. Irrigation is only done during drought conditions, and all farming methods are organic.

about the harvest: The grapes were taken from three different parcels of 30 year old vines.

in the cellar : 70% were tank-fermented to provide elegance and acidity and to add complexity 30% were fermented and matured in 2nd- and 3rd-fill French oak barrels for 6 months.

