

Bay View Chenin Blanc 1999

Chenin Blanc is the most widely planted white varietal in South Africa. It is proving to be a wine with lots of potential and Longridge is striving to uncover the full extent of what this grape has to offer. Full-bodied and rich with an abundance of tropical fruit flavors and a touch of lime. Crisp acids lend attractive freshness, all of which is underscored by a subtle hint of French oak. A tremendous value and great everyday wine!

variety : Chenin Blanc | Chenin Blanc

winery :

winemaker : Ben Radford

wine of origin : Western Cape

analysis : alc : 12.8 % vol rs : 6.0 g/l pH : 3.22 ta : 5.56 g/l

type : White

Gold Medal at Concours Mondial de Bruxelles, Brussels, Belgium

about the harvest: Despite the 1999 harvest being a difficult year for many white varietals, our Chenin Blanc grapes did exceptionally well. The grapes ripened fully, whilst retaining great fruit flavours, good structure and a crisp edge.

in the cellar : Grapes were destemmed and crushed, given 3 to 4 hours skin contact and thereafter fermented in stainless steel tanks at 13 to 15°C using local yeast. Wines were made reductively, excluding as much air during the winemaking process as possible in order to retain substantial fruit. Prior to bottling, the wine was gently fined and filtered. A portion of the blend was given wood contact to add complexity and flavour.

