

Teddy Hall Dr. Jan Cats Chenin Blanc Reserve 2009

Bright gold with green tinge, the tropical nose offers quince, pineapple and summer fruit aromas. On the palate the balance is impeccable with the vanillins of the oak counterbalancing the fruit salad and baked apple flavours. Underlining the wine's pedigree is an intense finish which lingers long after the mouthful has been swallowed.

Suitably versatile, the Chenin blanc Reserve will pair well with a range of seafood dishes, chicken, pasta or vegetarian fare.

variety : Chenin Blanc | 100% Chenin Blanc

winery : Teddy Hall Wines

winemaker : Teddy Hall

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 5.1 g/l pH : 3.23 ta : 6.0 g/l

type : White **style :** Dry

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

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ageing : Still young, this wine will continue to improve for many years. However it will drink well at between three and five years old - so around 2012 to 2015.

in the vineyard : Originally planted in 1986, the Chenin blanc bush vines are well suited to the broken shale soils on this unique hillside site in the Koelenhof hills. Irrigation is provided by means of overhead sprinklers only when truly needed, but the vineyard is in essence a dry land one. As a result the average yield is a relatively low 4.7 tons per hectare - but the quality is superb!

about the harvest : Once the sugar levels or ripeness had reached 24.2° Balling the grapes were picked. That took place on successive days in February - the 24th and 25th respectively. Acidity was recorded at an average of 7.7g/l and the pH at the time of harvest was 3.1.

in the cellar : As is standard practice, the grapes arrived at the winery in the early morning - before the fruit warmed up with the heat of the day. Only the free run juice was used for this Reserve wine. It was settled overnight in stainless steel tank. The clear juice and fluffy lees was racked off first thing the next morning, directly into French oak barriques - and left to start fermenting on its own. No commercial yeasts were used. The barriques were topped up two months after fermentation stopped naturally. They were then tightly sealed until just a few days before bottling when I tasted through the barrels to make my selection. The oak was 35% new with the remainder a combination of second and third-fill. Depending on the vintage conditions, the wine spends between 8 and 14 months in barrique.

