

Villiera Chenin Blanc 2011

The wine has intense fruit with a hint of wood spice on the nose, including pineapple, guava and citrus. On the palate it is rich and medium bodied with good balance and a long finish.

variety : Chenin Blanc | 100% Chenin Blanc

winery : Villiera Wines

winemaker : Jeff Grier & Christiaan Visser

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 13.5 % vol rs : 2.6 g/l pH : 3.59 ta : 5.6 g/l

type : White **style :** Dry **body :** Medium **taste :** Fruity

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

PREVIOUS AWARDS

- 1995: SAA Awards - Business Class
- 1996: WINE Magazine Chenin Blanc Challenge - Winner
- Wine of the Month Club - Winner
- SAA Awards - Selected Business Class
- Veritas Awards - Silver Medal
- WINE Magazine - 4 Stars
- 1998: Veritas awards - Silver Medal
- 1999: SAA Awards - Selected First Class
- Veritas Awards - Silver Medal
- 2000: Wine of the Month Club - Winner
- Veritas Awards - Silver Medal
- John PLATTER Wine Guide - 4 Stars
- 2001: Veritas Awards - Double Gold Medal
- Basel Wine Fair (Switzerland) - Gold Medal
- Diners Club Winemaker of the Year - Top 10
- John PLATTER Wine Guide - 4 Stars
- 2002: Basel Wine Fair (Switzerland) - Gold Medal
- International Michelangelo Awards - Gold Medal
- Veritas Awards - Gold Medal
- John PLATTER Wine Guide - 4 Stars
- 2003: WINE Magazine Best Value Wine Guide - Rating 4
- Wine Spectator - 87 points
- Juliet Cullinan's Connoisseurs Award - Second
- 2004: John PLATTER Wine Guide - 4 Stars
- WINE Magazine - 4 Stars
- 2006: SWISS International Airlines - Selected
- 2009: John PLATTER Wine Guide - Superquaffer of the Year
- 2010: Sunday Times 'Pick of the Week' in August 2011
- 2011: 2012 Veritas Awards - Double Gold Medal

ageing : The wine has the structure to last for 4 years but Chenin Blanc can also be enjoyed young.

in the vineyard : The fruit came from a blend of 3 blocks including 40% old bush vine Chenin Blanc.

about the harvest: The Chenin was picked at optimum ripeness.

in the cellar : Villiera was amongst the pioneers of wooded Chenin Blanc in the Cape, albeit only partial, which resulted in a very integrated wine. The aim was to produce a rich, ripe wine which could handle a dimension of oak and would improve over an extended period.

This was achieved by picking fully ripe grapes, allowing 6 hours of skin contact and pressing gently. Forty percent of the wine was fermented in oak, while the balance fermented in stainless steel.



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