

## Spice Route Chenin Blanc (Light) 2010

Winemaker's Comments: The oaking is subtle making the wine approachable early on, but it will drink well up to at least 2012. *Charl du Plessis*

Tasting Note: Light straw colour. Ripe pineapple notes lead a complex tropical nose with lightly spiced apple flavours hinting at gentle oaking. Palate is medium bodied with balanced acidity. Rich apple and pear flavours with hints of orange peel show on the long, creamy finish.

**variety** : Chenin Blanc | 100% Chenin Blanc

**winery** : Spice Route Winery

**winemaker** : Charl du Plessis

**wine of origin** : Swartland

**analysis** : alc : 14 % vol   rs : 3.5 g/l   pH : 3.43   ta : 6.1 g/l

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

**pack** : Bottle   **closure** : Screwcap

**in the vineyard** : Five centuries ago the ancient mariners braved uncharted seas to round the Cape of Good Hope in search of exotic spices. Their nerve and dash inspire the Spice Route philosophy. We have found our signature wine style in the rolling hills along the Cape's West Coast, where unirrigated vines produce grapes with small thick skinned berries – ripe fruit that is dense, rich and full flavoured. A passionate dedication to exceptional quality and traditional hand crafting captures the essence of this fruit in the wines of the Spice Route.

**IN THE VINEYARD**: Chenin grapes for this wine are made from two different locations. The wooded portion (35%) is from a 35 year old single unirrigated vineyard from the Swartland. The unwooded portion is from our Darling vineyard next to the west coast.

**about the harvest**: The wooded portion of the grapes were harvested by hand at 25° balling.

The balance of the grapes were hand harvested at 22° balling

Harvest Date: 16 February 2010

**in the cellar** : The wooded portion of the grapes were fermented in French oak barrels (7% new). The balance of the grapes were fermented in stainless steel tanks. After 8 months of fermentation, the wines were blended and bottled.

