

Land of Hope Reserve Chenin Blanc 2011

This wine shows both the exuberance of the variety in its floral notes and its nobility in a compelling mineral acidity, naturally bestowed by its site. Balanced and poised, it provides just enough richness to please the palate and just the right amount of zing to refresh. We firmly believe Chenin will begin to earn recognition as South Africa's most premium white varietal - with the Perdeberg (Swartland) and the Helderberg (Stellenbosch) leading the way.

variety : Chenin Blanc | 100% Chenin Blanc

winery : The Land of Hope

winemaker : _

wine of origin : Helderberg - Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 13.0 % vol rs : 3.0 g/l pH : 3.69 ta : 5.4 g/l

type : White **style :** Dry **wooded**

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

ageing : This wine has the potential to mature well for a further 3 - 5 years.

in the vineyard : Rooted in wonderful decomposed granitic soils, this Chenin Blanc is from a single vineyard on a South-East, ocean-facing slope of the Helderberg Mountain in Stellenbosch. After a relatively cold, but dry winter, an even bud break was achieved which ultimately resulted in the even development of the bunches.

With the winter rains not quite as plentiful as they are in other years, the vines were forced to work hard for water during the long summer. These hardy, old bushvines have never been irrigated and as a result their roots plunge deep into the hillside in search of moisture and nutrients. Because of this, the vines were able to handle the arid conditions while maturing their grapes to perfection.

about the harvest: The crop was picked by hand and manual sorting ensured that only the best grapes were included.

in the cellar : To ensure freshness, part of the pressing was whole bunch, while the rest was destemmed and lightly crushed to increase complexity and depth. The juice was fermented in Burgundian French oak barrels of which around 20% were new. A small portion of tank fermented Chenin was added for the final blend, to enhance the fresh and mineral focus of the wine. Chenin Blanc is South Africa's most versatile premium white grape, with unique qualities and flavours derived from this site. This Chenin Blanc has genuine individuality, strength of character and a real sense of place.