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Villiera Traditional Barrel Fermented Chenin Blanc 2013

A powerfully structured wine with obvious tropical fruit character and hints of citrus and pineapple.



variety : Chenin Blanc | 100% Chenin Blanc
winery : Villiera Wines
winemaker : Jeff Grier
wine of origin : Stellenbosch
analysis :
type : White **style :** Dry **body :** Full **taste :** Fruity **wooded**
pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

PREVIOUS AWARDS

- **2009**: Santam Classic Wine Show - Gold Medal
- John PLATTER Wine Guide - 4 Stars
- International Wine Challenge - Silver Medal
- Concours Mondial de Bruxelles - Silver Medal
- DECANTER World Wine Awards - Bronze Medal,
- **2010**: Winemakers Choice awards - Diamond Award
- Michelangelo International Awards - Gold medal
- John PLATTER Wine Guide - 4 Stars
- International Wine Challenge - Bronze Medal
- DECANTER World Wine Awards - Bronze Medal
- International Wine and Spirits Competition (UK) - Silver
- Michelangelo Wine Awards 2011 - Gold
- Winemakers Choice Diamond Award 2011 - Gold
- 93 points by *i-winereview* - "one of South Africa's best Chenin Blancs"
- 2012 Veritas Awards - Silver Medal

ageing : It has the ability to mature for up to 6 years.

about the harvest: Fully ripe fruit from 3 selected, mature vineyards was picked with about 5% botrytis infection. One of the blocks is a low yielding dry land bush vine vineyard.

in the cellar :
In 2013 our barrel fermented Chenin Blanc remained as part of our Traditional range. It follows on from the multi award winning 'Cellar Door' Chenin Blanc which was last made in 2007.

The settled juice is fermented in French oak barrels (50% new) and, to improve complexity, it consists of two very different parts. The first component is treated with limited SO2 and mololactic fermentation is allowed while the other component is kept fresher and malolactic is prevented. Botonage is practiced on each barrel and a total of 4 months in the barrels ensures integrated oak in harmony with the fruit.

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