

## Donkiesbaai Hooiwijn 2013

Colour – Deepstraw with a pale green hue

Aroma –Beautiful aromas of honeybush and fresh pineapple notes are supported by a fynbos line which helps in creating a rich, complex nose.

Palate–This wine shows exceptional follow through of the honey and fynbos from the nose.The wine has a rich, velvet entry, with a lovely balance between the creamy texture and acid, with a focused, elegant finish.

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

**winery** : Donkiesbaai

**winemaker** : Coenie Snyman, Philip van staden

**wine of origin** : Piekenierskloof

**analysis** : **alc** : 10.55 % vol **rs** : 198.49 g/l **pH** : 3.38 **ta** : 6.98 g/l

**type** : White **style** : Sweet **body** : Medium **taste** : Herbaceous

**pack** : Bottle **size** : 750ml **closure** : 0

Donkiesbaai on the West Coast of South Africa has been the vacation home to the Engelbrecht family for four generations. Crayfish, Harders and a cold glass of Steen (Chenin Blanc) is part of the history that is Donkiesbaai and with this wine I raise a glass with family and friends.

**in the vineyard** : Climate

Piekenierskloof has a warm climate, but enjoys light winds from the southwest which results in cool evenings. The vineyards grow at high altitude and the approximate rainfall is 360mm per annum.

Soil

The vineyards are situated on a northeastern slope at the very top of Piekenierskloof pass. The Chenin Blanc bush vines are planted in deep sandy soil and yields 5 tons per hectare. Extreme heat and dry land conditions necessitates deep root development, which serves as a great buffer against the harsh conditions.

**about the harvest**: The grapes were harvested at optimal ripeness.

**in the cellar** : The grapes were left on straw mats for 3 weeks to dry. This allows the sugars to concentrate and the flavor compounds to fully express themselves. From the 5 tons of grapes that were harvested, we only pressed 900 litres.The wine was barrel fermented, and then matured in three oak barrels for 8 months before bottling.

