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Kleine Zalze Cellar Selection Chenin Blanc Bush Vines 2014

Strong litchi, citrusy and guava aromas on the nose with ripe pineapple and peach flavours that follows through on the palate. They are complemented by a long, clean, crisp aftertaste.



variety : Chenin Blanc | 100% Chenin Blanc
winery : Kleine Zalze Wines
winemaker : Johan Joubert
wine of origin : Coastal Region
analysis : **alc :** 13.67 % vol **rs :** 3.1 g/l **pH :** 3.25 **ta :** 6.3 g/l **fso2 :** 37 mg/l
type : White **style :** Dry **body :** Medium **taste :** Fruity
pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Cork

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ageing : This fresh and fruity style of Chenin Blanc will develop well through bottle ageing.

in the vineyard : Only one suckering early on were given to the selected blocks and the canopy left to protect the grapes against direct sunlight. We had a very good build-up of reserves in our grapes due to the wet 2013 winter, followed by two rain spells in January and February 2014. We harvested the block on different sugar levels during the ripening season to ensure grapes with typical fresh varietal-fruit. Deep red Scalie soils with superb water retention, providing optimal moisture supply to the vines during the summer ripening period. The Duplex soils contributed to a longer hanging time due to a shallower root development and the red clay bottom layer of soil.

about the harvest: The grapes were harvested from 40% southwest facing, low yield-bearing bush vines from the Helderberg region and 60% southwest sloping Coastal vineyards. The crop were approximately 7 tons/ha. The grapes were harvested separately at sugar levels of 21.5° and 23° B early in the morning.

in the cellar : After harvesting, grapes were immediately cooled down to 12° C. Reductively crushed extended skin contact on both blending components followed and after a settling period, the wine was cold fermented and left on the lees for four months. A portion of the rich and riper grapes from Stellenbosch were blended with the fresh and fruitier Coastal wine. The most important quality factor was our time of picking to ensure the fresh varietal fruit character.

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