

## Kleine Zalze Family Reserve Chenin Blanc 2013

Concentrated aromas of lime, winter melon and peach fruit on the nose with layers of nuts and herbs on the palate. This magical finesse of fruit are supported by complex well integrated French oak wood flavours which gives this wine a creamy mouth feel and an elegant, long, fresh, earthy finish.

Vegetable/vegetarian dishes; Shellfish/seafood; White fish; Poultry; Pork; Mild Cheese/cream dips

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

**winery :** Kleine Zalze Wines

**winemaker :** Johan Joubert

**wine of origin :** Stellenbosch

**analysis :** alc : 13.5 % vol   rs : 1.6 g/l   pH : 3.27   ta : 6.7 g/l

**type :** White   **taste :** Fruity   **wooded**

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

2015 Concours Mondial de Bruxelles - Best White Wine  
2015 Concours Mondial de Bruxelles - Grand Gold Medal  
2014 International Wine and Spirit Competition - Silver Outstanding  
2014 Michelangelo International Wine and Spirit Competition - Grand Prix Trophy & Double Gold  
2014 Mundus Vini International Wine Awards - Gold  
2014 Old Mutual Trophy - Gold  
2014 Standard Bank Chenin Blanc Challenge - Top 10

**ageing :** Enjoy now or mature up to 15 years at the optimum storage conditions.

This Cuveé Select Chenin Blanc 2012 was crafted after years of experimenting on how each of the different soils (Granite, Oakleaf and Duplex) contributes to the best quality level of fruit and palate structure.

**in the vineyard :** This Family Reserve Chenin Blanc 2013 was crafted from different soils (Granite, Oakleaf and Duplex) and each contributed to the best quality level of fruit and palate structure.

The canopy of the bush vines were suckered and tipped to ensure a cool micro climate around the grapes with no direct sun and without botrytis. On all three soil selections only the best portions of fruit were separately harvested and each then contributes to reach a final goal of pure varietal fruit, elegance and structure. These selections will be maintained in future to create a Kleine Zalze Icon Chenin Blanc style.

**about the harvest:** These grapes were harvested from Bush vine vineyards and from three different wards in Stellenbosch.

The grapes were picked separately between 23°balling and 25.5°balling.

**in the cellar :** The grapes were reductively crushed and the juice was given extended skin contact prior to settling. Halfway through fermentation the separate components were transferred into 400-litre fine grain oak barrels (30% new, 30% second and 40% third fill). A slow and long fermentation was completed after ten weeks in the barrels at a controlled temperature. Lees contact was given throughout the 12-month barrel maturation period. According to the fruit and palate structure, each of the three different wines were finally blended to deliver the best expression of Chenin Blanc freshness with an earthy, dry finish.



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