

## De Grendel Koetshuis Sauvignon Blanc 2015

Generous aromas of green fruits like kiwi and Granny Smith apple interplay with gooseberries and lemongrass in perfect harmony, introducing a clean and flinty palate that has wonderful zippy acidity, soundly balanced by complexity gained from lees contact and good length.

The perfect summer seafood feast companion, but will also reward putting away for a few summers to come.

**variety :** Sauvignon Blanc | 100% Sauvignon Blanc

**winery :** De Grendel Wines

**winemaker :** Charles Hopkins & Elzette du Preez

**wine of origin :** Western Cape

**analysis :** alc : 13.5 % vol    rs : 1.9 g/l    pH : 3.29    ta : 6.9 g/l

**type :** White    **style :** Dry

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

**ageing :** Up to 5 Years

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### in the vineyard :

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The 2015 vintage will be remembered for its very dry and windy conditions during flowering, which resulted in a 15% smaller crop in the coastal regions compared to last year. Due to these conditions the harvest was 10 to 15 days earlier than normal and the vineyard growth was less and the berries and clusters were smaller. These conditions however produced berries with a much higher concentration of fruit flavours and the red varieties had better colour intensity. Taking all of this in consideration, the 2015 vintage has the potential to be one of the finest vintages in recent years.

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