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Villiera Antithesis Limited Release 2015

ANTITHESIS is a generous dry wine that yields more and more in the glass, characterised by layers of flavour, including minerality (almost savoury), integrated oak and appealing fruit. It is soft yet lively, complex but balanced and finishes long. It also has good maturation potential.



variety : Chenin Blanc | 75% Chenin Blanc, 22% Chardonnay Cuvee, 3% Muscat
winery : Villiera Wines
winemaker : Jeff Grier CWM
wine of origin : Stellenbosch
analysis : **alc :** 13.0 % vol **rs :** 2.9 g/l **pH :** 3.72 **ta :** 5.1 g/l
type : White **style :** Dry
pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Screwcap

ageing : It also has good maturation potential.

ANTITHESIS - a “LIMITED RELEASE” once-off by Villiera Wines. This wine was made, rather than grown and Jeff became very involved. Initially it was designed for the “Wine Geek” market, using some old techniques that are becoming trendy again. The result is an interesting and unique wine. This is the first of what will become an annual unique batch of wine (the style, varieties and name will differ). It will always be made in limited quantities, for Villiera Wine Club members.

in the cellar : Only 420 bottles were produced and as the name implies, this wine was created by employing methods opposite to what would be expected. It was made as naturally as possible with limited use of additives and the whole idea started as an experiment in the great 2015 vintage. It was inspired by the “natural wine” trend using partial skin fermentation (in small egg shaped containers) and oxidative winemaking. It began as a natural fermentation of Chenin Blanc but finished with added yeast once it was moved to barrel (400L French Oak for 14 months). The skin fermentation contributed a heaviness to the wine that was softened by the addition of Chardonnay Cuvee, which also freshened the wine. A small addition of Muscat injected some fruit.

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