

Kleine Zalze Vineyard Selection Barrel Fermented Chenin Blanc 2016

Concentrated aromas of guava, litchi and sweet melon on the nose with subtle oak notes. On the palate there is ripe fruit with hints of minerality and good combination of oak gives a full but yet elegant finish to the wine.

variety : Chenin Blanc | 100% Chenin Blanc

winery : Kleine Zalze Wines

winemaker : RJ Botha

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 13.5 % vol rs : 3.7 g/l pH : 3.41 ta : 6.3 g/l

type : White **style :** Dry **body :** Full **taste :** Fruity **wooded**

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

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ageing : This wine can be enjoyed now but will definitely reward those who wait, with careful cellaring it should age gracefully over the next 10 years.

in the vineyard : 2016 was one of the warmest and driest vintages ever. Stellenbosch only received half of its annual rainfall with El Nino playing a big role. The grapes for this wine came from a couple of old (average age: 30 years) Chenin Blanc vineyards around Stellenbosch. These old unirrigated vineyard are very well adapted to dry conditions and thus was not affected by the drought. Careful canopy management was done to ensure enough sunlight but protected the grapes against direct sunlight.

about the harvest: The grapes were handpicked early in the morning. The average yield of these wonderful old vineyard was 4t/ha.

in the cellar : The grapes were crushed into holding tanks. We gave extended (24hours) skin contact to extract all the Chenin flavours to ensure good structure in the final wine. Only the free run juice was used and settled for 1 day before inoculation with selected yeast strains. The juice was racked into barrels for fermentation. No new barrels were used to ensure that unique characters of the specific terroirs are preserved in the wine. After fermentation the wine was aged on the primary lees for another 6 months before being racked out and prepared for bottling.



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