

David Finlayson Camino Africana Chenin Blanc 2018 Old Vine Single Vineyard

This is a combination of grapes from the second oldest vineyard of Chenin Blanc in South Africa, planted in 1947, and another 56 year old bushvine vineyard. The wine was made with the absolute minimum intervention and to allow the old vines to express the true flavours of the site and variety with as gentle a human touch as possible.

The wine has an unmistakable minerality and the salty, Umami flavour on the palate that can only be found when vines have struggled for decades to make their mark in the soil. This wine signifies something truly special to me as a winemaker and is part of my journey in life and wine in South Africa, hence the name, Camino Africana, "The African Way".

variety : Chenin Blanc | 100% Chenin Blanc

winery : Edgebaston Vineyard | David Finlayson Wines

winemaker : David Finlayson

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 13.47 % vol rs : 4.6 g/l pH : 3.36 ta : 5.9 g/l va : 0.66 g/l

type : White **style :** Dry **body :** Medium **taste :** Mineral

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

Camino Africana Chenin Blanc 2017

- 6 points: Neal Martin August 29, 2018 - Vinous

Camino Africana Chenin Blanc 2016

- 94 points: Tim Atkin SA report

Camino Africana Chenin Blanc 2015

- Platter Guide 2017: 5 Star Platter

- 89 points: Stephen Tanzer International Wine Cellar

Camino Africana Chenin Blanc 2014

- 93 points: Tim Atkin SA report

- Platter Guide 2015: 4½ Star Platter

Camino Africana Chenin Blanc 2013

- Platter Guide 2015: 4½ Star Platter

- 88 points: eRobert Parker

- 90 points: Stephen Tanzer International Wine Cellar

in the vineyard :

Sandy, loam topsoil to granitic gravel subsoils

in the cellar :

All grapes were hand picked from two vineyards of bushvines planted in 1947 and 1961, pressed whole bunch and then fermented with natural yeast in older French oak barrels. Sulphured after primary fermentation to prevent MLF, followed by 11 months maturation on the lees.

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