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Kleine Zalze Family Reserve Chenin Blanc Old Bush Vine 2021

Yellow stone fruit with bursts of citrus. Understated power with mineral finish on the palate



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 :** 3.38 **ta :** 7.0 g/l
type : White **style :** Dry **body :** Full **taste :** Fruity **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Cork

ageing : Enjoy now or age up to 15 years at optimum storage conditions.

in the vineyard : The Family Reserve Chenin Blanc 2021 was crafted from three different wards and soils (Decomposed Granite, Oakleaf and Duplex) in Stellenbosch, each contributing to the complexity of this wine. These vineyards are all over 40 years old and unirrigated bush vines. The canopy of the bush vines was suckered and tipped to ensure a cool microclimate around the grapes with no direct sun and without botrytis. The 2021 vintage was later than normal. Good winter rain and moderate growing conditions during the ripening of the Chenin meant we had near perfect grapes to work with. Healthy and bursting with flavor.

in the cellar : The grapes were picked separately between 22 and 24°balling, reductively crushed and the juice was given 12 -18 hours skin contact prior to settling. After only 1 day settling, we racked the cloudy juice (120ntu) to tank where it got inoculated with selected wine yeast strain. The juice was then gravity fed into 400l French oak barrels and 2 x 500l Amphora for fermentation. We only used 2nd, 3rd and 4th fill barrels to protect the delicate Chenin Blanc fruit. The wine spent an extra 8 months in barrel and Amphora. There was no fining or filtration before bottling.

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