

Painted Wolf Lycaon Old Vine Chenin Blanc 2021

Packed with guava, fresh green fruit and peach aromas, this lightly-oaked Chenin is vibrant and sophisticated.

variety : Chenin Blanc | 100% Chenin Blanc

winery : Painted Wolf Wines

winemaker : Jeremy Borg

wine of origin : Wellington

analysis : alc : 14.2 % vol rs : 2 g/l pH : 3.39 ta : 6.2 g/l

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

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

2024 Amex Fine Wine Awards - 92 Points

2024 Investec Trophy Wine Show - 93 Points

2023 Decanter Award - Silver

2023 Investec Trophy Wine Show - Bronze

ageing : This wine will develop in bottle over the coming 3 - 4 years, gaining complexity as it develops in bottle.

Lycaon comes from the scientific name for an African wild dog, *Lycaon Pictus*, and is derived from the Greek word *Lycos* for a wolf. The label illustration is from a page in an 18th century book on hunting in Southern Africa, a time when painted wolves were common throughout the region.

in the vineyard : Grapes were harvested from a single vineyard of unirrigated 48-year-old vines in the "horse shoe" just above the town of Wellington. The vines grow in Tukulu soil, a well-drained decomposed granite soil, yellow brown in colour. The vineyard is a certified heritage vineyard under South Africa's Old Vine Project, designed to preserve the surviving old vineyards of South Africa.

in the cellar : The fruit was whole-bunch pressed and settled before being fermented in 550l barrels with natural wild yeast. The press was very gentle, yielding only around 550 litres of juice per tonne for optimum quality. The wine was matured in barrels (20% new) with the lees being stirred once a month for 5 months. Total production 3,100 bottles.

