

Perdeberg G.O.A.T Old Vine Chenin Blanc 2024

White pear, quince and ripe tropical flavours on the nose. A rich palate with fresh acidity and hints of lemon and citrus.

Enjoy this complex fresh wine as an aperitif or paired with summer favourites such as seafood paella, creamy pasta or pizza.

variety : Chenin Blanc | 100% Chenin Blanc

winery : Perdeberg Wines

winemaker : Andri le Roux

wine of origin : Paarl

analysis : alc : 13.4 % vol rs : 3.4 g/l pH : 3.28 ta : 6.0 g/l

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

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

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ageing : Ready to be enjoyed now with the potential to age for two years.

Could the original also be the greatest of all time?

In 1655, when Jan van Riebeeck planted the first imported vine cuttings on Cape soil, Chenin Blanc was one of the chosen few cultivars that would form the foundation for an entire industry. Had he known then that this noble grape would rise from relative obscurity to prized showpiece, more than three centuries later?

Long known as Steen by local vintners, Chenin Blanc gained a reputation as a dependable workhorse due to its incredible versatility. Indeed it has traditionally been used for applications as diverse as brandy making, dry and sweeter styles, sparkling and still wines, even blends. But evolving in the 21st century, Chenin Blanc has proved itself capable of producing world-class varietal wines, particularly from characterful old vines. It has reinvented itself to a pedigreed stallion, delivering sought-after wines of great depth and complexity. Staking a solid claim as the G.O.A.T.

in the vineyard : The grapes were harvested from 40 and 47-year-old bush vines in the Paarl. The soil consists of mostly decomposed granite that's well suited for Chenin Blanc vineyards in dryland conditions. No irrigation was given in the vineyard, and the vines rely only on natural rainfall. Small berry clusters form due to the natural balance in the vines that provides good natural acidity and concentrated fruit flavours.

about the harvest: The 2024 harvest started two weeks earlier than the previous year. However, unforeseen winds during late November and early December resulted in a reduced yield. Despite this, the anticipated quality remains exceptional. Elevated temperatures in early February necessitated an early grape harvest by the team. The grapes were hand-picked in the early morning.

in the cellar : After de-stemming, they received three hours of skin contact. The juice was clarified before fermentation and great care was taken to ensure that only clear juice was used for the fermentation. To ensure fruit purity, 90% of the wine was fermented in stainless steel tanks at cold temperatures and the remaining 10% of the wine was fermented in 500-litre French oak barrels. This natural, barrel-fermented component contributes to the wine's complexity and mouthfeel. Lastly, the wine was aged on the lees for six months before bottling to enhance mouthfeel.



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