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Villiera Barrel Fermented Chenin Blanc 2023

The wine displays tropical fruit with a hint of guava and grapefruit. It is initially savoury with oak playing a supporting role, but it finishes rich and ripe with good maturation potential.



variety : Chenin Blanc | 100% Chenin Blanc
winery : Villiera Wines
winemaker : Jeff Grier
wine of origin : Stellenbosch
analysis : **alc :** 13.35 % vol **rs :** 6.5 g/l **pH :** 3.32 **ta :** 6.6 g/l
type : White **style :** Dry **body :** Full **taste :** Fruity **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Cork

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ageing : The wine is full bodied with creamy balance and good maturation potential.

Chenin Blanc is widely planted in South Africa and therefore one of our most important varieties. Its popularity is due to its versatility. Its popularity is due to its versatility. At Villiera it is used in blends and on its own.

Chenin Blanc has great structure and it performs well at full ripeness. When picked ripe the longevity is enhanced by fermenting in oak barrels. The barrels also allow additional flavour, greater complexity and Chenin Blanc really does lend itself to this style.

about the harvest: Fully ripe grapes were handpicked. A small percentage (± 1.5%) of botrytis is considered desirable and adds further complexity. Picking occurred in the mornings when conditions were cooler and the barrel fermented Chenin Blanc comes from an Old Certified Heritage Vineyard Block.

in the cellar : In 2023 the fruit was crushed and destalked prior to ±4 hours of skin contact. After a light pressing in pneumatic bag presses the juice was settled overnight before being racked to barrels. MLF was prevented to retain freshness. After natural fermentation the wine remained in barrel for 10 months with regular batonage (stirring of lees). 40% of the barrels were new French oak and the balance 2nd and 3rd fill. Finally, after stabilization, the wine was bottled in December.

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