

Kleine Zalze Project Z Chenin Blanc 2022

A poised, elegant expression of Chenin Blanc. Lemon verbena, white peach, and yeasty complexity on the nose. The palate shows impressive crystalline purity, yet it is highly textured and structured, with bright acidity and ending on a distinctive saline note

variety : Chenin Blanc | 100% Chenin Blanc

winery : Kleine Zalze Wines

winemaker : RJ Botha

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 13.5 % vol rs : 3.2 g/l pH : 3.54 ta : 5.5 g/l

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

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

Platter's Guide, 4½ stars (93 points)

in the vineyard : The grapes for this wine were sourced from a vineyard over four decades old in the Firgrove region of Stellenbosch. Growing on clay and decomposed granite soils and subjected to the maritime airflow off the Atlantic Ocean at False Bay, the vineyard was selected for its ability to grow grapes offering a superior expression of the site's unique geography.

in the cellar : The destemmed grapes were given overnight skin-contact (12 hours) after which the settled juice was transferred to both Italian terracotta amphorae and concrete eggs for fermentation. After completion of fermentation the wine was left on the primary lees for a further 9 months, before being blended for bottling where 30% of the blend was made up of the terracotta amphora fermented portion, and the other 70% from the concrete egg. The wine captures the essence of this inimitable Stellenbosch old vineyard in a very powerful way.



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