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# Waterford Pecan Stream Chenin Blanc 2026




This vintage showcases the classic balance of fruit, flavour, and freshness often found in Chenin blanc. On the nose, the wine shows stone fruit, peach, white apricot and pear, while the palate is creamy and textured from extended lees contact, and a subtle, well-integrated soft acidity provides structure and lift. The fruit from the nose follows through to the palate, joined by a subtle thread of minerality that adds depth. A creamy, fruitdriven finish lingers with gentle complexity, showcasing the wine's poised and polished character.

Chenin blanc's versatility is one of its strong points; its fruity sweetness allows it to pair well with spicier dishes, and its fresher acidity enables it to complement lighter summer dishes. Whether served chilled on a warm afternoon or paired with a vibrant meal, it brings both charm and balance to the table

**variety :** Chenin Blanc | 100% Chenin Blanc
**winery :** Waterford Estate
**winemaker :** Mark Le Roux
**wine of origin :** Western Cape
**analysis :** **alc :** 12.95 % vol **rs :** 1.68 g/l **pH :** 3.39 **ta :** 5.3 g/l
**type :** White **style :** Dry **body :** Full **taste :** Fruity **wooded**
**pack :** Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Screwcap

**ageing :** 0 - 3 years from production.

At Waterford Estate, we embrace the harmonious collaboration between nature and the delicate balance of artistry and science to create truly authentic fine wines. Our wines embody a profound sense of place, culture, and an unwavering dedication to excellence. With a deep-rooted belief in transcending boundaries, we craft wines that offer a sensory journey, capturing the true essence of the Helderberg Mountain's terroir.

**in the vineyard :** Sourced from various vineyards situated in and around the Stellenbosch region, the Chenin grapes for the Pecan Stream Chenin blanc come from vineyards similar to those of our Waterford Old Vine Project Chenin blanc. Grapes that do not meet the stylistic grade for the Old Vine Project end up in the Pecan Stream Chenin blanc. The vineyard, although old, has different pockets within its small expanse, resulting in variation.

Total rainfall for the season (mm): 935.45
Average Winter Temp. (°C): 14.11
Average Summer Temp. (°C): 21.9

The growing season was one of the warmest and wettest of the past five years, with warmer temperatures and well-timed rainfall supporting healthy vine growth, leading to earlier ripening. A drier winter meant careful irrigation management ensuring the vineyards remained in excellent condition, delivering a strong harvest for 2026.

**in the cellar :** Crafted in-house, ensuring it bears the distinctive Waterford touch in the winemaking department, this wine undergoes a meticulous process. The portion aged in oak vessels introduces a touch of sweetness, rounding out the palate, while stainless steel ageing imparts vibrant acidity and a fruit-forward character. Additionally, concrete ageing contributes to the developed palate and texture arising from lees contact. Blending these winemaking techniques ensures the fruit-forward style of Chenin blanc shines through, guaranteeing consistency and complexity across the palate.

Maturation: 65% aged in stainless steel vessels, 20% in Concrete eggs and 15% in neutral French oak 300L barrels

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