

Tukulu Chenin Blanc 2002

Winemaker Wellington Metshane describes this as a mouth-filling wine with a rich, yellow colour and exhibiting ripe melon flavours on the nose and palate with a slight trace of muskiness.

He recommends savouring it on its own or with lightly spiced or cream-based dishes.

variety : Chenin Blanc | 100% Chenin Blanc

winery : Earthbound Organic Wines - CLOSED

winemaker : Wellington Metshane

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : alc : 13.6 % vol rs : 2.5 g/l pH : 3.4 ta : 6.6 g/l

type : White



in the vineyard : Papkuilsfontein's deep, red Tukulu soils have excellent water retention properties and ensure the dryland vines are not unduly water-stressed.

Despite its location, Papkuilsfontein enjoys relatively cool temperatures. It is situated just 25 kms from the sea and is cooled by maritime breezes, while a range of hillocks protects the vines from the sometimes damaging effects of the south-easter. In addition, the farm has an above-average rainfall for the West Coast.

The wine was made from bush vines ranging in age from 30 to 50 years and harvested at the beginning of February with ripe flavours and good fruit acids.

about the harvest: Yielding between 5 and 6 tons per ha, the grapes were hand-harvested between 22nd to 23,5th Balling at the beginning of February.

in the cellar : After overnight settling, the juice was fermented at 13th°C over 16 days and the wine was filtered just before bottling.