



Ladybird

VINEYARDS

STELLENBOSCH

SUR LIE CHENIN BLANC 2020



WINEMAKER

FRANCOIS VAN ZYL

COMPOSITION

100% CHENIN BLANC

ORIGIN

SIMONSBERG, STELLENBOSCH

AGE OF VINES

5 – 15 YEARS ON AVERAGE

IRRIGATION

DRY LAND VINEYARDS & SUPPLEMENTAL

SOIL TYPE

OAKLEAF AND VILAFONTES

YIELD

5 - 8 TONS PER HECTARE

AGEING POTENTIAL

10 YEARS FROM VINTAGE

PRODUCTION VOLUME

3 150 CASES (6 X 750ML)

FOOD PAIRING

SHELLFISH | CHICKEN PASTA

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The preceding winter had sufficient rain and cold units. The weather remained favourable throughout the growing season, with relatively warm days, no significant heatwaves and cool night temperatures.

WINEMAKING / MATURATION

This wine is made from our older organically farmed vineyards and are planted in some of the best terroir in Stellenbosch. Complete out of the box winemaking together with low yields help us to make this wine that can compete with a 50 year plus vineyard. It is all about getting the balance right. We pick everything by hand in the early mornings if possible. We have 4 blocks of Chenin on 4 different areas on the farm. Each block is unique and ripens at different times over a 3 week period. The grapes are naturally fermented in open top tanks, with extended skin contact during fermentation. No enzymes, yeast nutrients or fining agents are added. After pressing some parts are aged in concrete shaped eggs as well as some larger format barrels for 11 months without sulphur on the gross lees.

TASTING NOTES

Light straw colour. A potpourri of flavours with white nectarine, pineapple, yellow apple and dried herbs. The palate is rich, velvety with an amazing aftertaste. Long with a lovely balanced lingering lemon and lime like acidity. It begs to be opened, but this wine will age gracefully and got enough structure and complexity to last 6 – 10 years. Enjoy.

ALC 13.78% | RS 3.4 G/L | TA 5.8 G/L | PH 3.62 | FREE SO2 32 MG/L | TOTAL SO2 1 100 MG/L | VA 0.75 G/L

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