



Ladybird

VINEYARDS

STELLENBOSCH

Sur Lie Chenin Blanc 2021



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	3 000 cases (6 x 750ml)
FOOD PAIRING	Shellfish chicken pasta

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

In what must go down as one of the best white wine vintages in South-Africa this 2021 wine is a perfect example of great Simonsberg – Stellenbosch terroir. The late start to the 2021 harvest was one of the distinguishing hallmarks of this vintage. The cooler growing conditions of the 2021 vintage produced elegant wines that will make them accessible and drinkable from an earlier age.

WINEMAKING / MATURATION

This wine is made from our older organically farmed vineyards, 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.

TASTING NOTES

Pale straw colour with notes of white nectarine, pineapple, yellow apple, and dried herbs. 14 months on the gross lees adds additional complexity of brioche and creamy texture. The palate is rich, with a lovely balance of lingering lemon and lime peel, and a structure that supports ageing. It begs to be opened, but this wine will age for 3 - 6 years from vintage. Enjoy.

ALC 13.35% | RS 2.2 g/l | TA 5.9 g/l | pH 3.58 | FREE SO₂ 24 mg/l | TOTAL SO₂ 96 mg/l | VA 0.95 g/l

Ladybird Vineyards, R44, Stellenbosch | P.O. Box 19, Elsenburg, 7607 | T: +27 (0)21 884 4511

www.ladybirdvineyards.co.za | orders@ladybirdvineyards.co.za