

CEDERBERG

SOUTH AFRICA

CHENIN BLANC 2022

A cool continental climate, diverse soil types, unpolluted air and free-flowing, crystal-clear waters create ideal growing conditions. Chenin is still the most planted vineyard in South Africa at almost 17 000 hectares.

----- VINEYARDS -----

Facing: South and west

Soil types: Glenrosa and sandstone

Age: 6.5 ha – 15 years; 8.5 ha – five years

Planted: 15 ha Yield per hectare: 8–9 t/ha

Trellised: Extended six-wire Perold

Irrigation: Supplementary

Clone: SN24/220 on Richter 99 Harvest date: 07 March–15 March 2022

----- WINEMAKING -----

Grapes are hand-harvested in the early morning at 20–23.5 Balling. The winemaking process is done in reductive conditions with the use of dry ice and carbon dioxide gas. Grapes are crushed at 8°C with approximately five to eight hours of skin contact before a light pressing. Two days of juice settling is followed by racking and the addition of selected yeast. Fermentation is at 11°C for approximately 24 days. Finally, the wine is further matured on fine lees for an additional four months with a monthly bâtonnage before the final blending and bottling.

----- ANALYSIS

Alc 13.0% vol TA 6.09 g/l RS 2.33 g/l pH 3.41

----- WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES -----

This Chenin blanc shows true purity of fruit such as white pear, grapefruit and green apple leading to a refreshingly crisp mineral palate.

Optimum Drinking Time: 1 – 3 years after release

----- FOOD PAIRING -----

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Cheese: Goat's cheese (chevin) or well-matured asiago are both good partners. Also try feta and mozzarella.

----- A C C O L A D E S -----

Platter's SA Wine Guide'22: 4 stars – 2021 vintage

Platter's SA Wine Guide '21: 4 stars - 2020 vintage

Veritas '20: Silver - 2020 vintage

Platter's SA Wine Guide: 4 stars - 2021 vintage

Veritas '21: Silver – 2021 vintage

Platter's SA Wine Guide '20: 4 stars – 2019 vintage

Veritas '19: Silver – 2019 vintage

Platter's SA Wine Guide '19: 4 stars – 2018 vintage

 $Tim\ Atkin\ Report\ '18:\ 90\ points-2018\ vintage$

Tim Atkin Report '17: 90 points – 2017 vintage

Stephen Tanzer - USA '17: 89 points - 2016 vintage

Veritas '16: Silver – 2016 vintage

Wine Spectator Review '16: 88 points - 2015 vintage

Wine Spectator Review '16: 87 points – 2014 vintage