



SOUTH AFRICA

CHENIN BLANC 2020

The Nieuwoudt Five Generations range showcases the best of the Cederberg. Only thirteen selected barrels are used to produce 7400 bottles.

-----VINEYARDS -----

Facing: South-west

Soil types: Glenrosa and Sandstone

Age: 15 years
Planted: 2.34 ha
Yield per hectare: 6 - 7 t/ha

Trellised: Extended 6 wire Perold
Irrigation: Supplementary
Clone: SN24/220 on Richter 99
Harvest date: 18 February 2020

----- WINEMAKING -----

Grapes are hand harvested early morning at 23.5 balling. Portion of the grapes are whole bunch pressed and the other portion goes through the destemmer and crushed for skin contact. One day of settling and then barrelled in 400L French oak barrels. Natural fermentation takes place over the next 40-60 days with strict temperature control during fermentation. Once fermentation is completed the wine is matured for up to 10 months with monthly battônage of the lees. No malolactic fermentation takes place. 33% 1st fill, 33% 2nd fill and 33% 3rd fill barrels of tight grain with medium toast.

----- ANALYSIS -----

Alc 13.5% vol TA 6.1 g/l RS 4.2 g/l pH 3.55

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

A complex Chenin blanc expressing a sensational bouquet of citrus blossom, roasted almonds and orange peel. A great balance between oak and fruit on palate showing baked apple and marmalade with a rich and creamy finish.

Optimum Drinking Time: 2-4 years

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

A slightly nutty sauce with some of the white meats, BUT Cape "smoor snoek" works well. Try mushroom risotto or "Butter chicken" – both a winning situation. Burnt sage butter pasta ravioli.

Cheese: "Gruyere!"

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

Veritas 2020: Silver – 2019 vintage

Decanter World Wine Awards 2020: Silver – 2018 vintage

International Wine and Spirits Challenge 2020: Silver – 2018 vintage

Old Mutual Trophy Show 2020: Silver – 2018 vintage

John Platter Wine Guide 2021: 4.5 stars – 2018 vintage

Platter's SA Wine Guide '20: 4.5 stars – 2017 vintage

IWSC '19: Silver - 2017 vintage

Novare SA Terroir Award '19 Cederberg Ward: Top Chenin Blanc – 2017 vintage

Tim Atkin '19 Report: 94 points – 2017 vintage

Standard Bank Chenin Blanc Challenge '19: Top 10 Winner – 2017 vintage

Decanter World Wine Awards '19: Silver – 2017 vintage

Chenin Blanc Challenge '18: Top 10 - 2016 vintage

Platter's SA Wine Guide '19: 5 Stars – 2016 vintage

