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BIG EASY CHENIN BLANC 2019

The 2019 Big Easy Chenin Blanc has hints of citrus peel, notes of preserved lemon and lime and rounded out with riper guava, quince and white florals. A beautiful summery wine. Crisp and fresh.

THE 2019 VINTAGE

The effect of the drought still lingers in the background. We continued our effort in the canopy, managing water use to irrigate as little as possible, focusing on our aim of quality. The 2019 season started surprisingly cool with no heat waves hitting us. One challenge that arose was uneven bud burst – this, we managed selectively during harvesting, followed by berry selection at the cellar. The mild stress of the vines was eased by the cooler temperatures that we experienced, allowing for smaller berries that are always of importance to us. During fruit ripening, the cooler weather persisted. This gave the grapes some fantastic hang time and development, which we usually can't afford due to the fast sugar accumulation.

VITICULTURE

The Chenin Blanc grapes were harvested from individually-selected, low-yielding bush and trellised vines from the Perdeberg region nearby Paarl. The grapes were hand-harvested in the cool of early morning. On the sorting table, all excess stalks and inferior berries were carefully removed.

VINICULTURE

After the grapes had been sorted, the grapes were destemmed and lightly crushed. The wine was settled overnight and the sediment was racked off the next day. Post fermentation lees contact was maintained for two months with weekly stirring of the lees before racking and stabilisation prior to bottling. This wine is crafted in a fresh style without any oak component.

TASTING NOTES

Still very young with a shy nose, hints of citrus peel, notes of preserved lemon, lime and rounded out with riper guava, quince and pretty white florals. While super fresh, there is a hint of crushed almond to add weight to an entry with gentle acidity that follows to an all-round softer acidity kicking on to a medium long finish. A beautiful summery wine, excellent chilled and enjoyed with light delicate dishes.

TECHNICAL DATA

Chenin Blanc 100%

Alc 12.69% by Vol. – R.S. 3.1 g/l – T.A. 6.8 g/l – pH 3.34

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION		CASE QTY	CURRENT VINTAGE	ALCOHOL %	
Ernie Els Big Easy Chenin Blanc		6 Bottles	2019	12.5	
BOTTLE	BOTTLE SIZE	UPC BOTTLE BARCODE	BOTTLE DIMENSIONS (height x Diameter Weight)		
	750ml	6009807940759	308 mm (h) x 75.8 mm (d) 550g		
CASE	CASE DIMENSIONS (Height x Length x Width)	SCC CASE BARCODE	CASE WEIGHT	NUMBER OF 6 x 750 ml CASE PER LAYER	NUMBER OF LAYERS PER PALLET
	315 mm x 233 mm 156 mm	6009807940773	7.3 Kg	28	4