

# OLD VINE RESERVE CHENIN BLANC 2023

# TASTING NOTES

Golden hued and full bodied, with melon and spicy baked apple aromas. Layered, with mineral notes enhanced by honeycomb and caramel flavours from lees contact. This wine is a great example of the harmonious balance which can be achieved between fruit and delicate oak/vanilla flavours, as they combine to form complex, soft flavours with sufficient body to enhance even spicy and full flavoured meals.

# ACCOLADES:

## Old Vine Reserve Chenin Blanc 2022

Gilbert & Galliard – Double Gold (91 points) Tom Cannavan – 91 points Chenin Blanc Masters 2023 – Silver Medal

### Old Vine Reserve Chenin Blanc 2021

Tim Atkin – 91 points Decanter World Wine Awards – Best in Show (97 points) Greg Sherwood MW Wine Safari – 94 points

Jamie Goode (Wineanorak) – 93 points

Old Vine Reserve Chenin Blanc 2020 Platter's 2022 – 4½ stars (92 points)

# **GRAPE VARIETIES**

#### 100% Chenin Blanc

## VINEYARD

Region: Helderberg, Bottelary Hills & Vlaeberg

**Soil:** Duplex soils, sandy material on a ferricrete bank on patches of deeper clay.

Bushvine, Semi-bush vine and Perold System.

We use supplementary irrigation practices.

Locality: South-south-west

# HARVEST

Hand harvested, with careful selection. Yield: Approx 6-8 tons.

# IN THE CELLAR

Barrel and tank fermented and left on the lees (7 months French oak, 20% new) matured on secondary lees for a rounded complexity.

Style: Rich and Ripe (Oak influenced).

# ANALYSIS

Alc 13.5 TA 5.8 RS 1.7 pH 3.47	,

# FOOD SUGGESTIONS

Can be served with varied spicy dishes, full flavoured fish or chicken dishes. Ideal with crayfish, prawns.A true benchmark for relaxed enjoyment.