

ANNO 1722



TOKARA

STELLENBOSCH

TOKARA TOKARA CHARDONNAY 2016



ORIGIN

The grapes for this wine originate from Tokara's properties in two different regions; namely Stellenbosch and Elgin, as well as from bought in fruit from around Stellenbosch.

CROPPING AND HARVESTING

The vineyards crop at around 6 t/ha. The grapes were picked at optimal ripeness with sugars between 20 and 23 degrees brix and acidities ranging from 6 to 8 g/l.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were de-stemmed, crushed and pressed to stainless steel tanks for overnight settling, after which the juice was racked and run to barrel with a certain percentage of lees added back. Approximately 30% of the wine fermented in stainless steel and the rest in 228L French oak barrels 5% being new barrels. The wine spent on average 8 months in barrel ageing on the gross lees with regular lees stirring. There was no malolactic fermentation allowed on this wine. The wine was bottled in November 2016 after stabilisation and filtration.

113 000 bottles were produced.

TASTING NOTES

The wine displays a stunning vibrant straw colour. Aromas of lime zest and orange blossom spring from the glass with underlying notes of fresh brioche and a hint of toasted almonds. The entry on the palate is vibrant with fresh pineapple, grapefruit and lime zest notes. The mid-palate has a creamy rounded texture, yet the wine finishes bone dry with an aftertaste of toasted almonds lingering for a while.

Drink now through to 2021.

Food pairing: A perfect pairing with fish and chicken dishes or served as an aperitif.

Alc. Vol %

13.5%

Residual Sugar

1.7g/L

Total Acidity

5.9g/L

pH

3.44