

DALKEITH

KALMOESFONTEIN SWARTLAND CHENIN BLANC

2025

Dalkeith offers a handcrafted selection of distinct wines with a light footprint, perfect for spirited wine lovers who believe that wine should be as thoughtful as it is thought provoking. Through considered farming practices and minimal intervention winemaking techniques which honour the land and the people, Dalkeith produces storied wines of character and intrigue which are shifting perspectives of premium South African wines. Dalkeith is more than just a winery, it's a way of life.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2025 harvest will be remembered for several key factors: the dry and warm autumn, record rainfall in July, delayed onset of winter, and dry conditions during the harvest. Grape analyses for the white cultivars show excellent sugar and acidity levels. If the 2025 vintage meets expectations; the 2025 vintage will deliver some gems.

WINEMAKING

All grapes were hand picked at optimal ripeness and brought to the cellar in 500kg bins. Here they were whole-bunch pressed using a very slow and gentle pressing cycle. The juice was settled for 24 - 48 hours and racked to a fermentation tank where commercial yeasts were added. After the onset of fermentation, the must was moved to different fermentation vessels including 225L barrels and 400L Clayvers where fermentation ran its course. Regular topping and batonage was done during the maturation process that lasted 9months. The wine was blended and lightly filtered before bottling in November 2025.

TASTING NOTES:

- Elegant tropical flavours, subtle citrus, lime and gooseberry.
- Zesty Freshness and stony salinity

WINE STATISTICS

REGION: Swartland

COMPOSITION: 100% Chenin Blanc

BARREL AGING: 9 months – 90% neutral oak

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

TA: 5.6

pH: 3.4

RS: 1.9 g/L

HARVEST DATES: Jan 27 - Feb 7 , 2025

CASE PRODUCTION: 550 9L cases