



Lievland Vineyards Old Vine Chenin Blanc 2023



While the world awakens to the vast potential of South African Chenin Blanc, at Lievland we are hitting our stride with this rewarding variety. Our Old Vine Chenin Blanc is a complex and age-worthy wine which shines a light on this intensely flavourful grape with its elegant acidity and rich texture.

WINE DESCRIPTION

The Lievland Old Vine Chenin Blanc is made from 3 certified heritage vineyards; planted in 1977, 1983 and 1987. This aromatic and intensely fruity wine is a stunning showcase of the versatility of Chenin Blanc.

COLOUR: Light straw with a golden hue.

AROMA: White peach, citrus and pineapple.

PALATE: Peach, citrus, apricot and a compelling minerality.

BODY: Rich, ripe, with balanced acidity.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

VARIETAL: 100% Chenin Blanc

GRAPE SOURCE: Paarl

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 2.4

TOTAL ACIDITY: 6.3

PH: 3.34



This wine is from certified heritage vineyards.

VINTAGE

An early harvest meant healthy crops, particularly for the white grapes which were picked prior to the rains. The grapes had abundant aromatics; the dry-farmed vineyards ensured smaller, healthy berries.

VINEYARDS

The old-vine bush-vine Chenin Blanc vineyards are located in the Agter-Paarl region. These dry-farmed vineyards sit on a basin of shale – the vineyards on the cooler, South-facing slopes produce grapes with pronounced stone fruit and flinty characteristics, while blocks located in warmer pockets produce concentrated fruit with intensity and texture.

WINEMAKING

Grapes were hand-picked and immediately destemmed, crushed and pressed. After overnight settling, the juice was racked off the gross lees and a small amount of fine lees was added back to give texture to the wine. The juice was then transferred to a combination of neutral oak (12%) and the rest in stainless steel. After fermentation, the wine was left on the lees for 11 months, giving the final wine a rich and textured palate.

SUSTAINABILITY & PRODUCTION

Integrated Production of Wine (IPW) Certified.

This wine is vegan-friendly.

CLOSURE: Screwcap