

Raats Original Chenin Blanc 2012

Winemaker: Bruwer Raats
Main Variety: Chenin Blanc
Alcohol: 13.5 %
pH: 3.37
RS: 2.7 g/l
TA: 5.7 g/l
VA: 0.29 g/l
Balling: 22 - 24.5 °B
Yield: 7 ton/ha
Appellation: Coastal Region

Type: White
Style: Dry



Accolades

* No accolades to date.

Tasting Notes

There is a distinctive yellow apple, pineapple, alongside with notes of green melon and lime. Beautifully structured on the palate, bursting with fresh yellow and white fruit flavours. The wine finishes subtly, yet distinct with great minerality and citrus flavours. The Raats Original Chenin Blanc 2012 is yet a classical example of this wine and shows the balance between power and elegance. Now in its 12th year of production the consistency in quality is unquestionable.

Ageing Potential

Can be enjoyed now and will mature well over the next 2 - 4 years (2014 to 2016), if stored correctly.

Blend Information

100% Chenin Blanc.

Food Suggestions

An easy-to-pair wine since it has a wide flavour profile, but we especially recommend it with curry or similar spicy dishes as well as sushi and oysters.

In The Vineyard

Produced from vineyards of an average age of 35-year old bush and trellised vines, grown in both decomposed granite and Table Mountain sandstone soils. The wine is from both irrigated and un-irrigated vines. Yield approximately 7 tons per hectare of which the oldest block being used is 68 years of age.

About The Harvest

Grapes are picked in three sessions over mid-January to mid-February to enhance flavour diversity.

Grape Sugar: 22° - 24.5° Balling

Acidity: 7g/l

pH at Harvest: 3.3

In The Cellar

Grapes grown from the two soil types are vinified separately, the decomposed granite bringing a lime and mineral character, while the sandstone more fruit and structure. The juice was cold settled for 2 to 3 days, then cold fermented (14° - 18°C) in stainless steel tanks and aged on the lees for 6 months before bottling.

Wood Ageing

No wood ageing.

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