

Raats Family 'Old Vine' Chenin Blanc 2011

Winemaker: Bruwer Raats
Main Variety: Chenin Blanc
Alcohol: 13.5 %
pH: 3.45
RS: 4.2 g/l
TA: 6.1 g/l
Balling: 22 - 24 °B
Yield: 6 to 8 ton/ha
Appellation: Stellenbosch

Type: White
Style: Dry



Accolades

- * Scored 91 by Neil Martin, The Wine Advocate (**January 2013**).
- * Scored 93 by Michael Franz, Wine Review Online (**October 2012**).
- * Rated 4.5 Stars, John Platter 2013 (**October 2012**).

Tasting Notes

Honeyed pear / ginger and citrus flavours complemented by a firm minerality and spicy edge. Sourced from old vines from three vineyards. Characterised by their complex soils. Rich, intense, yet elegant and delicate on the palate. Profound wine that changes perspective.

Ageing Potential

This wine will mature well over the next 5 - 8 years (2016 to 2019).

Blend Information

100% Chenin Blanc.

Food Suggestions

Pairs well with a variety of foods, but we recommend oysters, game fish and Duck L'Orange particularly.

In The Vineyard

Soil specific wine from both vertical hedge and bush vines. Three specific vineyards in Stellenbosch. Average age of 45 years or older. Soil from natural combination of Decomposed Granite and Table Mountain Sandstone.

About The Harvest

Hand-picked at optimal ripeness in mid-February 2011. Yield approximately 6 to 8 tons per ha.

Grape Sugar: 22 - 24° Balling

Acidity: 7.8 g/l

pH at Harvest: 3.2

In The Cellar

20% of the wine is fermented and matured in 300 litre French Oak barrels to accentuate the soft, luscious flavours; 80% fermented in stainless steel to accentuate the crisp acidity and bright citrus flavours. After 9 months, the two components are blended together and left on the lees for a further 7 months before bottling. Fermentation Temperature: 18 - 22°C.

Wood Ageing

20% of the wine is fermented and matured in 300 litre French Oak barrels.

80% fermented in stainless steel tanks.

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