



In search of the ultimate expression from nature

Chenin Blanc – Skin Contact 2021



WINE OF ORIGIN:

Stellenbosch

VITICULTURE:

The grapes were sourced from bush vines over four decades old in the Firgrove region of Stellenbosch. Growing on decomposed granite soils and subjected to the maritime airflow off the Atlantic Ocean at False Bay, the vineyard was selected for its ability to grow grapes offering a superior expression of the site's unique geography.

VINIFICATION:

Fermented on the skins, a method more commonly associated with red wine production, the interaction between skin and fermenting juice elevated the profile of this white wine into a new stratosphere. Fermentation took place in Italian clay amphorae over a period of 7 days. Matured for a further 9 months in amphorae to capture the essence of this vineyard.

WINEMAKER'S NOTE:

Stone fruit and citrus pith with a hint of green cardamom and potpourri on the nose. Good fruit density, with the skin-contact providing texture and complexity. Ending on an intriguing maritime salinity, the zippy acidity provides potential for excellent ageing.

BOTTLES PRODUCED:

1287

ACCOLADES:

Platter's Guide, 4.5* (93)

ANALYSIS:

Alc – 13.5%vol RS – 3.4g/l TA – 6.8g/l pH – 3.55

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