SECKFORD AGENCIES

DARLING CELLARS

OLD BUSH VINE CHENIN BLANC, DARLING CELLARS

Vintage 2023



Darling Cellars' Old Bush Vine range comes from specific old bush vines which are selected for their typicity in reflecting their soils and location.

TASTING NOTE

This wine displays a medium light straw hue in the glass with a green tinge and is made in a ripe tropical style with a split personality being elegant on the one hand but serious and bold on the other. Tropical flavours of ripe yellow peaches, white pear, a touch of vanilla blossoms, toast, butterscotch, orange skin and pineapple meet you on the nose. This wine shows many layers as the Chenin Blanc opens up. Good structure and ripe fruit are well complimented by the wood and can definitely mature for another 10 years.

VINIFICATION DETAILS

The grapes (from 40 year old un-irrigated bush vines) are destalked and crushed into small static separators. Skin contact is maintained for 12 hours and only free run juice is used. There follows 21 days fermentation at 15˚C before maturation in barrel: 100% French Oak (1st fill, 2nd and 3rd) for 10 months. Only the best barrels were selected for the blend.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol	Residual sugar
14.3	2.1
pH	**Acidity**
3.41	6.4

AWARDS

Tim Atkin MW: 92 pts
Platter: 94 pts
Veritas: Silver Outstanding

ATTRIBUTES

Origin	Variety	Malolactic Fermentation	Bottle Size	Vegetarian
South Africa	Chenin Blanc	Yes	75cl	Yes

Winemaker	Fining Agent	Closure	Region	Vegan
André Scriven	Vegan suitable	Cork	Darling	Yes