

OLD BUSH VINE CHENIN BLANC, DARLING CELLARS

Vintage

2022



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

13.7

1.8

pH

Acidity

3.43

5.7

AWARDS

Tim Atkin MW: 92 pts

Platter: 94 pts

Veritas: Silver Outstanding

ATTRIBUTES



Origin

South Africa



Variety

Chenin Blanc



Malolactic Fermentation

Yes



Bottle Size

75cl



Vegetarian

Yes



Winemaker

Pieter-Niel Rossouw



Fining Agent

Vegan suitable



Closure

Cork



Region

Darling



Vegan

Yes