



ROODEKRANTZ

1983 Old Bush Vine Chenin Blanc 2024



Vineyard

Age of Vines: 41 years (planted in 1983)

Location: Swartland

Viticulture: Dry-land old bush vines

Soil Type: Decomposed granite soils enriched with organic material

Harvest Report 2024

Favourable winter conditions set the stage for a larger crop, although wet conditions in spring during budding, as well as very dry, windy and hotter summer weather, affected the final crop size. The quality of the grapes, however, was particularly good.

Vinification

Harvesting: Grapes were carefully hand-picked in the early hours of the morning at optimal ripeness of 23.5°B.

Fermentation: The grapes were de-stalked, crushed and pressed; the juice was allowed to settle overnight. 90% was fermented in stainless steel tanks and 10% in (2 x 500L) French oak barrels. Extended lees contact took place for 3 months post alcoholic fermentation, enhancing the depth and character of the wine.

Maturation: A small portion of the wine was barrel matured and blended with the stainless steel tank portion for added complexity and richness.

Total Production: 10 000 bottles

Tasting Profile

Aromatic aromas of tropical and stone fruits – white peach, pineapple, citrus peel and yellow apple – enhanced by a subtle hint of mealie kernel that adds depth. The palate follows through with clarity and precision. Soft, integrated acidity provides balance, while a discreet touch of oak adds dimension without altering the wine's purity. The profile is linear and focused rather than rich or opulent, driven by clean tropical fruit expression and a bright citrus lift toward the finish. Composed, refreshing and true to its old-vine origins, this Chenin Blanc emphasises finesse, focus and fruit purity over weight.

Food Pairings

- Grilled Cape bream or kingklip with lemon and herbs
- Fresh salads with citrus, fennel and goat's cheese
- Light chicken dishes, such as lemon-thyme roast
- Sushi or sashimi, especially tuna or salmon
- Soft cheeses like young chèvre or mild Brie

Alc: 13.0% • **RS:** 2.3 g/L • **TA:** 5.96 g/L • **pH:** 3.38

Roodekrantz is a boutique producer that specializes in crafting artisanal, site-specific wines.

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