



ROODEKRANTZ

“Brand se Berg” Old Bush Vine Chenin Blanc 2024



Vineyard

Age of Vines: 49 years (planted in 1975)

Location: Agter-Paarl

Viticulture: Dry-land old bush vines

Soil Type: Blend of clay, decomposed Malmesbury shale and weathered quartz

Harvest Report 2024

The 2024 season will be remembered for its extremely wet and cold winter and spring. With the arrival of summer, the weather changed to very dry and windy conditions, which would have a major effect on the crop size. January was very warm, which brought the harvest forward.

Vinification

Harvesting: Grapes were carefully hand-picked in the early hours of the morning at optimal ripeness of 22.5°B.

Fermentation: The grapes were gently crushed, pressed, and settled overnight. The juice was then transferred to older barrels for fermentation, with extended time on the fine lees for added texture and mouthfeel.

Maturation: Aged for 11 months in seasoned French oak barrels.

Total Production: 1550 bottles

Tasting Profile

The nose is complex and layered, offering a vibrant spectrum of orange- and yellow-toned fruits: mandarin, peach, dried pineapple and orange peel, supported by subtle oak spice. The mid-palate is fleshy and oily in texture, showing generous ripe citrus flavours – mandarin and orange – alongside stone fruit and a gentle hint of butteriness. Bright acidity binds the components seamlessly, ensuring lift and precision. The oak is beautifully integrated, adding structure without intruding on the fruit purity. The finish is lingering and expressive, with notes of sour apricot and zesty orange citrus. A coherent Chenin Blanc that clearly reflects its warmer Paarl origins i.t.o. its flavour profile.

Food Pairings

- Roast duck or chicken with orange glaze
- Pork belly with citrus and fennel
- Grilled prawns or crayfish with garlic-lemon butter
- Butternut or pumpkin risotto with sage
- Creamy Brie-style or mild goat's cheese

Alc: 13.31% • **RS:** 4.5 g/L • **TA:** 5.0 g/L • **pH:** 3.48

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