



ROODEKRANTZ

“Die Kliphuis” Old Bush Vine Chenin Blanc 2024



Vineyard

Age of Vines: 47 years (planted in 1977)

Location: Swartland (south-facing in the Paardeberg; 330m above sea level)

Viticulture: Dry-land old bush vines

Soil Type: Sandy decomposed granite

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 22°B, at a very low yield of less than 1 ton per hectare.

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: 1900 bottles

Tasting Profile

Austere nose, gradually revealing a refined spectrum of green apple, lime zest, greengage jelly and subtle green citrus notes. This is not a warm, orange-fruited expression, but one defined by freshness and precision. The palate follows through with clarity, echoing flavours of lime, green apple skin and green apricot. A zesty, zippy seam of acidity drives the wine, delivering energy and focus. A light mineral edge appears toward the finish, which lingers with notes of sour apricot and green pineapple. Complex, elegant and highly focused, this Chenin Blanc showcases purity, restraint and a beautifully chiseled fruit profile.

Food Pairings

- Fresh oysters or mussels with a squeeze of lime
- Grilled hake or kingklip with herb-lemon dressing
- Light chicken salad with green apple, celery and herbs
- Sushi or sashimi, especially brighter styles like salmon or yellowtail
- Soft goat's cheese with crisp crackers and green-apple chutney

Alc: 12.87% • **RS:** 4.7 g/L • **TA:** 6.9 g/L • **pH:** 3.16

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

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