



ROODEKRANTZ

"Somerkind" Old Bush Vine Chenin Blanc 2024



Vineyard

Age of Vines: 39 years (planted in 1985)

Location: Groenekloof, Darling

Viticulture: Dry-land old bush vines

Soil Type: Weathered, sandy granite

Harvest Report 2024

The 2024 season will be remembered for a lighter yield than initially expected. 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 at optimal ripeness of 21°B - 22°B, during the early hours of the morning to preserve the freshness and fruit purity.

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

Maturation: Aged for 14 months in old French oak barrels.

Total Production: 2400 bottles

Tasting Profile

True to its name, Somerkind opens with sun-drenched aromatics: paw-paw, sweet melon and peach, supported by subtle notes of burnt butter and gentle oak spice. The palate is rich and ripe on entry, offering a rounded, creamy mouthfeel. A well-integrated line of acidity binds the generous fruit to the understated oak nuances. Ripe yellow stone fruits lead the flavour profile, enhanced by the wine's smooth, creamy texture. The finish is long and evocative, with impressions of quince, baked apple and a warm, summery character reminiscent of fruit beautifully exposed to the sun. A vibrant yet plush expression of old-vine Chenin Blanc.

Food Pairings

- Grilled yellowtail or Cape bream with a light curry butter
- Roast chicken with apricot glaze and aromatic spices
- Pork chops with apple and quince relish
- Mild Cape Malay seafood curry
- Prawn curry or mild Thai coconut seafood dishes

Alc: 13.12% • RS: 2.8 g/L • TA: 5.7 g/L • pH: 3.47

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