



ROODEKRANTZ

Artisan Range

"Sandy Slopes" Chenin Blanc/Semillon 2024



Vineyard

Age of Vines: Chenin Blanc: 51 years (planted in 1973) / Semillon: +- 20 years

Location: Swartland

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^oB.

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: 2100 bottles

Tasting Profile

Layered aromas beeswax, yellow plum, melon, peach, yellow apple and hints of citrus peel, with a gentle underpinning of oak spice. The palate opens with a beautifully rounded, creamy entry. Viscous and almost oily in texture, the Semillon component adds weight and depth to the mid-palate. Soft, rounded acidity supports flavours of peaches and cream, ripe yellow plum, melon and a subtle touch of pineapple. Oak is seamlessly integrated, contributing further texture without dominating the fruit flavours. The finish is lingering and composed, with notes of yellow citrus and stone fruit carrying through. A flavoursome, complete blend showing harmony, breadth and fine balance.

Food Pairings

- Roast chicken with lemon, thyme and crispy skin
- Pan-seared line fish with beurre blanc or citrus butter
- Creamy prawn linguine or shellfish risotto
- Pork loin or belly with stone fruit compote
- Soft-rind cheeses such as Brie, Camembert or young goat's cheese

Alc: 12.18% • RS: 3.78 g/L • TA: 5.99 g/L • pH: 3.21

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

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