

Chenin Blanc Longridge 2022



Region

This famous region is 30 miles north east of Cape Town yet still close enough to the ocean to benefit from cool maritime conditions. These beautiful vineyards are dominated by scenic mountains and the region is home to some of the Cape's most famous and influential wine estates. The most noted and important vineyards are located on the prized slopes of the Simonsberg Mountain. This small and highly rated sub-zone has fantastic terroir and is where many of South Africa's top red cuvees are produced.

Producer

Longridge strive to be as environmentally conscious as possible, providing excellent quality wines while minimizing the impact on the environment. They use renewable energy sources like solar energy and allow free-roaming ducks to help with pest control, and cattle for manure and compost. They focus on the varieties that are best suited to their climate and soils; Chardonnay and Chenin Blanc (Steen) and classic red varieties Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Pinotage. Biodynamic viticultural methods are utilised to the fullest and they follow natural winemaking using less sulphur dioxide and no commercial yeast, enzymes, fining agents, stabilizing agents or filtration methods.

Tasting Notes

Grapes were whole bunch pressed and the wine was made in a very natural way with no commercial yeast, enzymes or fining agents being used. Fermentation lasted 10-14 days with regular battonage before racking. The wine was aged for 12 months in 90% seasoned French and Hungarian oak barrels and 10% in concrete eggs. This naturally fermented Chenin boasts mineral like notes, hints of peach, pineapple and stone white fruit, with an understated hint of oak. On the palate a gentle minerality is accompanied by a well-balanced acidity.

Food

Enjoy as an aperitif or pair with chicken and grilled fish entrees.

Technical Information

Country	South Africa
Region	Stellenbosch
Grape(s)	Chenin Blanc (100%)
Type	White
Style	Crisp
Oaked Style	Oaked
Body Style	Medium bodied
Sustainable	Yes-certified sustainable

Dry/Sweet Style	Dry
Alcohol Content	13.5%
Closure Style	Cork
Organic/Biodynamic	Organic
Allergens	Milk: No Egg: No
Vegetarian/Vegan	Vegetarian: Yes Vegan: Yes



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