

BROOKDALE ESTATE

# Chenin Blanc 2021

*Old Vine*

## VINTAGE CHARACTERISTICS

In 2021 we had good water availability and cooler weather that contributed to yields like that of 2020, which results in elegant wines. Grape analyses were promising with low pHs and high titratable acidity levels. Due to the moderate temperatures, grapes could be harvested at moderate sugar levels. Colour development was generally better than the previous season and with integrated tannins. Beautiful flavours were noticed in our Chenin Blanc blocks, among others. Both white and red wines showed promise, in terms of quality

## TASTING NOTES

Ginger spice and sourdough unfold on the nose, laced with pineapple freshness, peach tea and a hint of vanilla pod. Richly textured, weighty stone fruit coalesces with vibrant, tropical nuances. On the mid-palate apricot tanginess balances creamy, salted lees. The acidity is sewn right through, fine and mineral, along a seam of subtle spice. Quince, peaches and poaching pears simmer to the finish, echoing long and resonant with fruitful generosity.

## WINEMAKING

From old vine Chenin Blanc (1985) grown on decomposed shale and granite; minimal winemaking was employed to allow this stony terroir to shine through. The grapes were hand-picked at different stages to achieve optimal ripeness and balance. The fruit was pre-cooled and gently whole-bunch pressed before spontaneous fermentation and partial malolactic fermentation for added elegance, and complexity. Matured for 11 months in 500L French oak barrels, the wine was then aged on the lees for eight months in 2000L Stockinger Foudre. Once bottled, the wine was left to mature for a further six months before release.

## WINE ANALYSIS

ALCOHOL	13% Vol	pH	3,53
TOTAL ACIDITY	5,9 g/l	RESIDUAL SUGAR	2,8 g/l



WINE OF ORIGIN: PAARL | SOUTH AFRICA

VEGAN | VEGETARIAN | CORK & WAX SEAL | 2021

**BOTTLE SPECS:** BARCODE: 0606110081320 BOTTLE SIZE: 300 mm x 275 mm BOTTLE WEIGHT: 1.54 kg

**CASE SPECS:** BARCODE: 10606110081327 CASE SIZE: 90 mm x 530 mm x 310 mm CASE WEIGHT: 9.8 kg