

MASON ROAD

Chenin Blanc 2022

by Brookdale Estate, Paarl

VINTAGE CHARACTERISTICS

The 2022 vintage will be remembered as a cool season before harvest, followed by a sudden temperature spike from January. Good vineyard practices were followed, and canopies were managed well, which delivered exceptional grape analyses and wine quality. Temperatures rose sharply during early January and accelerated the early cultivars' ripening dates, although we harvested more than a week later than the previous year. Frequent high temperatures during February further contributed to harvest dates shifting sooner and harvesting returned to normal timing by the end of February. We were fortunate not to experience any crop losses or mildew infections.

TASTING NOTES

Exuberant aromatics of frangipani flowers, pineapple crush, melon, mangoes in the sun, preserved lemon, and hints of vanilla pod. Juicy pineapple washes in on the tropical palate radiating into apple purity and pear freshness. The sea is there; a thrum of salt and sun-baked rocks at the edges, freighted in an undertow of cream lees. A ruby grapefruit pithiness curls through, fresh and lifting, to the lime-kissed finish.

WINEMAKING

The 1993 block of Chenin Blanc was picked in four batches at different degrees of ripeness. Pre-cooled fruit was destemmed and crushed. Light pressing took place and free run juice was settled overnight. Fermentation occurred in a combination of stainless steel tanks (85%) and old French oak barrels (15%) using an inoculated yeast strain. The barrels were racked and blended with the tank-fermented portion and then bottled. The final blend was made up after 11 months of ageing on the lees, followed by a light filtration before bottling.

WINE ANALYSIS

ALCOHOL	13,56% Vol	pH	3,43
TOTAL ACIDITY	5,8 g/l	RESIDUAL SUGAR	2,2 g/l



WINE OF ORIGIN: PAARL | SOUTH AFRICA

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BOTTLE SPECS: BARCODE: 0781718420969 BOTTLE SIZE: 300mm x 75mm BOTTLE WEIGHT: 1.2 kg

CASE SPECS: BARCODE: 10781718420966 CASE SIZE: 310mm x 167mm x 250mm CASE WEIGHT: 7.48 kg