

VINTAGE 2011

CHENIN BLANC VIOGNIER

Background

STERHUIS - A little closer to the stars, a lot closer to perfection. Hugging the lofty slopes of the Bottelary Hills, caressed by crisp ocean breezes from both the Atlantic and Indian, their vineyards are indeed touched by the stars.

Their motto "There is no easy way from the earth to the stars" symbolizes the dedication and perseverance with which we have developed, and continue to nurture, their family estate. Since purchasing the farm in 1980, They have embarked on an unswerving mission of upgrading the infrastructure and establishing the most appropriate plantings of noble cultivars and clones on the various slopes, each offering to the vines its unique earthly idiosyncrasies and climatic characteristics in which to prosper.

Vineyards

The Grapes for this wine is grown on the slopes of the Bottelary Hill, North West of Stellenbosch on Decomposed Granite soils

Winemaking (winemaker: Johan Kruger)

The Chenin Blanc was fermented in Stainless Steel and the Viognier was fermented in older French oak with natural yeasts. Both wines were made in an oxidative style.

After fermentation and three months on the lees, with occasional battonage, the wines were blended and bottled.

Grape and Wine analysis : 100% Chardonnay,

Alcohol: 13. % by vol
Residual sugar: 1.95 g/l
Total acidity: 5.28 g/l
pH: 3.38

Winemaking Record & Winemakers comments:

Appellation: Stellenbosch

Winemaker: Johan Kruger

Colour: The wine shows a dense straw color with a green tinge.

Bouquet: The nose is quite elegant with perfume notes and peaches and cream and pineapple from both varieties, as well as a fine mineral, nougat, almond character, signature to Sterhuis terroir.

Taste: The palate is quite full and rich with limes, orange blossom, peaches and apricot flavors lingering with a long elegant, mineral finish.

Altitude: 450—480 meters above sea level.

Ages of vines:

Harvested: March 1, 2011

Bottled:

Food Pairing

To enjoy on its own, or with spicy food and white meat dishes.



Consumer Notes:



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"Take counsel in wine, but resolve afterwards in water..."
- Benjamin Franklin