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OLD VINE CHENIN BLANC 2025



Olifantsberg Old Vine Chenin Blanc is a celebration of one of South Africa's most treasured grape varieties and the enduring value of old vineyards. Sourced from a single bush-vine vineyard planted in 1982 in the Bredekloof Valley, the wine reflects the character and resilience that only mature vines can offer. Decades of adaptation to the site's sandstone-based soils and rugged growing conditions have resulted in naturally balanced yields and fruit of remarkable intensity and purity.

YEAR PLANTED | 1982

WINE LIST DESCRIPTION

Elegant mouthfeel and texture to complement a coated acidity with good depth of fruit. The intensity and verve of this wine illustrate the enduring value of old vines.

ROOT STOCK	SLOPE	ALTITUDE
Ramsey & R99	NW to NE	223m

SOIL Decomposed Sandstone

TRELLIS SYSTEM

High density bush vines (7700/ha)

GRAPE BALLING 21.0 - 22.8

CLONES Unknown

TOTAL PRODUCTION 2050 cases

MATURATION	PICKING TIME
9 Months oak	Feb

WINEMAKING

Hand harvested and whole bunch pressed directly to stainless steel tanks for overnight settling. Racking off the settled lees directly to 2000li oval foudres, 500li barrels and a portion to a concrete egg-shaped vessel. Natural fermentation took place without any intervention. Malolactic fermentation is not encouraged and no lees stirring takes place after primary fermentation. The finished wine is left for 9 months on the lees, racked off its lees and blended, the final blend spending another few weeks in stainless steel before bottling. A soft, natural cellulose filtration is used prior to bottling.

VINEYARD

Planted in 1982, this heritage bush vine vineyard occupies a unique site in the Bredekloof Valley. The age of the vines has given rise to natural variation across the block, with differences in vigour, canopy density, and sun exposure creating a mosaic of micro-environments. We honour these distinctions through selective harvesting, picking each portion of the vineyard at optimal ripeness.

Alcohol	13%
Residual Sugar	2.0
Total Acidity	5.4
pH	3.32

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