

HERITAGE RANGE

Carl Everson Chenin blanc 2022

CULTIVARS

100% Chenin blanc

NOTES FROM THE WINEMAKER

The beauty of this wine is even though it stays the same each year (as it's harvested from the same Single Vineyard and Old Vine Project classified block on the farm), each year is different. The 2022 vintage is in line with most SA white wines from that vintage in that it's open and 'showy' right off the bat with the characteristic pear and white peach flavours that this vineyard offer, present in the wine. The distinctive depth and complexity of fruit we've learned to appreciate and love of the Carl Everson Chenin, is on show again with the 2022. These precious 39 year old vines, older French oak, spontaneous fermentation and minimalistic cellar intervention in the end proclaim our Slanghoek terroir through this wine.

PAIRS WELL WITH

Pork Belly | Duck Breast | Bobotie | Pear Tartlets

WINEMAKING

In 2022 I started working with concrete as well with my Chenins and this wine is now a make-up of concrete, large format oak and the smaller barrels. With the vineyard being picked over 3 weeks to have the full array of freshness, fruit and concentration on show at different stages provides so many cool building blocks from which to blend. The fresher 1st pick went into concrete for instance and comes through as the clean notes in this wine. Partial malolactic fermentation completion after the usual minimalistic approach results in a wine that is as natural a reflection of the site possible. The wine spent 10 months maturing in the different vessels before bottling in January of 2023. A further 12 months in bottle before release provides enough time for the wine to settle and to be enjoyed either now or to be put away for 5 years.

ANALYSIS

Alcohol % (V/V)	13.05
Residual Sugar (g/l)	2.2
Total Acidity (g/l)	4.8
pH	3.67

VINTAGE AWARDS

2012 Platter Guide 5*	2015 Platter Guide 5*
2013 Platter Guide 4,5*	2016 - 2018 Platter Guide 4,5*
Christian Eedes 94/100	2018 - Christian Eedes 95/100
2014 Christian Eedes 94/100	2018 - Tim Atkin 96/100

