



## C H E N I N B L A N C

### Style of Wine

Full-bodied Chenin Blanc.

### Heritage

Simonsig Chenin Blanc was the first wine released by founder Frans Malan in 1968. This versatile variety appeals with fresh fruit flavours and is reaching new levels of popularity worldwide.

### Vintage Description

The 2015 harvest is definitely one for the books. We had the earliest start in decades. Warmer weather in August resulted in earlier bud break, after which a warm, dry, windy summer accelerated ripening by approximately two weeks. The dry weather also led to a very healthy vintage. We started picking Chenin Blanc on the 9th of February and literally hopped from one block to another. It was a case of fast and furious; picking all the Chenin Blanc in pristine condition and where the sugar levels were one of the main precursors. The healthy vineyards delivered grapes with beautiful layers of fruit and we are very excited about the results of the 2015 vintage.

### Wine Description

The wine displays a bright straw colour with a youthful expression of ripe pears, guavas and sweet melons. The fresh acidity adds to the longevity of these flavours. The tropical fruit flavours form the core of this wine, where hints of green figs and kiwi fruit showcase dimension. The Chenin Blanc 2015 is made in a style that is suited for any occasion.

### Vinification

Grapes are handpicked, crushed and some lots are given overnight skin contact. Juice is cold settled to brilliant clarity and inoculated with selected yeast strains well known for producing very fruity wines. Fermentation temperature is kept between 12-14°C to ensure a nice slow fermentation and optimal fruit flavour production.

### Cellaring Potential

Early drinking style, at its best within two years from vintage date.

### Serving Suggestions

Easy drinking style. Enjoy while youthful and still showing fermentation bouquet. Wine can also be enjoyed with a seafood breyani, chicken breast with sautéed sliced mango, fruity stuffed quail or Mexican tacos.



### A W A R D S

Chenin Blanc 2015:	2016 Concours Mondial de Bruxelles: Silver Medal 2016 Platter's Guide: 3.5 stars 2015 Mundus Vini: Gold Medal 2015 IWSC: Gold 2015 Veritas Awards: Gold Medal
Chenin Blanc 2014:	2015 Decanter Wine Awards: Silver Medal 2015 Platter's Guide: 3½ Stars 2014 Mundus Vini Competition: Gold, Best SA White Wine 2014 Veritas: Double Gold Medal
Chenin Blanc 2013:	2013 Veritas: Silver Medal
Chenin Blanc 2012:	Concours Mondial de Bruxelles: 82.36 Points 2012 Veritas: Gold Medal
Chenin Blanc 2011:	Best Value Awards 2013: 3 stars Wine Enthusiast (USA) – Jan/Feb 2012: 88 Rating “Best Buy” 2012 Best Value Guide: 3½ stars 2012 Chenin Blanc Classic Top 10: 2½ stars 2012 John Platter Wine Guide: 3-stars

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### Vintage

2015

### Region

Stellenbosch

### Grapes

Chenin Blanc 100%

### Analysis

Alcohol: 13.5% vol  
Residual Sugar: 4.6 g/l  
Total Acidity: 6.6 g/l  
pH: 3.4

