

SOUTH AFRICA



*Mullineux*

*Handcrafted wines from the heart of the Swartland*

Wine: **2013 Mullineux QUARTZ Chenin**  
Bottling Date: 15<sup>th</sup> January 2014  
Production: 1308 bottles / 109 cases  
Wine of Origin: Swartland

**Technical Details at Bottling:**

| Alcohol | Residual sugar | Total acidity | Volatile acidity | Total SO <sub>2</sub> | Free SO <sub>2</sub> | pH   |
|---------|----------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------|
| 13.0%   | 3.0 g/l        | 5.1 g/l       | 0.5              | 113                   | 33                   | 3.36 |

**Source of Grapes:**

Grapes for our 2013 Quartz Chenin come from one parcel of 33 year old Chenin blanc planted in a quartz kloof of Riebeek Kasteel Mountain. This parcel of Chenin gives the best expression of the quartz terroir on the Kasteelberg – fresh minerality. We follow sustainable, reasoned farming practices.

**Date(s) Harvested:**

Grapes were harvested by hand on 28th January 2013.

**Yields:**

5 tons/ha = 30 HL/ha

**Winemaking:**

Grapes are chilled in our cold room then pressed whole-bunch and the juice is allowed to settle overnight. Minimal SO<sub>2</sub> is added and, as with all our wines, no other additions are made. The juice is then racked to barrel for fermentation. Fermentation is with indigenous yeasts, and lasts for about 4 weeks. The wine is left in barrels on its lees until spring, during which time malolactic fermentation has completed. The barrels are racked and blended just before the following vintage and bottled unfiltered.

**Maturation:**

14 months in older (3rd and 4th fill) French oak barrels

**Tasting Note:**

This wine is lemon-straw in colour, with a mineral character on the nose and hints of oatmeal, ripe citrus and spice. There are notes of white peach, oatmeal and almonds on the creamy palate which finishes with a fresh, lemon-pithiness. Best served at about 12 °C, this wine will show optimally if decanted when drunk within the first 3 years after bottling.

