

MULLINEUX FAMILY WINES

Wine: 2012 (white blend)
76% Chenin Blanc, 16% Clairette Blanche, 8% Viognier,
Bottling Date: 14th February 2013
Production: 20 700 bottles / 1 725 cases
Wine of Origin: Swartland

Technical Details at Bottling:

Alcohol	Total Extract	Residual sugar	Total acidity	Volatile acidity	Total SO ₂	Free SO ₂	pH
13,5%	-	3,2g/l	5,1 g/l	0,54	117	38	3,45

Source of Grapes:

Grapes for our 2012 white blend come from five vineyard parcels in different parts of the Swartland: One parcel of 33 year-old Chenin blanc planted in the stony Shale and Schist based soils of Riebeek Kasteel Mountain; two parcels of 40+ year-old dry land, bush vine Chenin, and Clairette blanche, grown in the decomposed Granite of the Paardeberg mountain; and a parcel of 12 year-old Viognier planted on the rolling, iron-rich soils west of Malmesbury. We lease each parcel on a long term basis, and have close and direct involvement in their viticultural management.

Date(s) Harvested:

Grapes were harvested between the 27th January and 13th February 2012.

Yields:

Between 4 to 6 tons/ha = 24 to 33 HL/ha.

Winemaking:

Hand-picked grapes are cooled in our cold room, where after the Viognier is destemmed directly to tank, and macerated on the skins for 4 to 5 days before pressing. The Chenin, and Clairette, are pressed whole-bunch, and the juice is allowed to settle overnight. 20ppm SO₂ 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 up to 6 weeks. The barrels are left without sulphur on its lees until spring. In this time the wine finished malolactic fermentation. The barrels are racked and blended just before the following vintage and bottled unfiltered.

Maturation:

11 months in older (3rd and 4th fill) French oak barrels, and one 2000L Foudre.

Tasting Note:

Lemon-straw in colour, this wine has a nose of crushed rocks, green citrus, cloves and a floral perfume. The palate is full, rich and has a mineral core, with a fresh, clove-like finish. Best served at 10 to 12 C, this wine will show optimally when decanted in the first 3 years after bottling.