SWARTLAND

Mullineux

2021 Mullineux GRANITE Chenin Blanc



Variety: *100% Chenin Blanc*
Bottling Date: *15th December 2021*
Production: *273 cases*
Wine of Origin: *Swartland*

Vineyard Details:
Hailing from a 45-year-old dry land bush vine vineyard named Eikelaan ("lane of Oak trees"), our GRANITE Chenin Blanc, is our highest altitude Granite soil vineyard on the Paardeberg. Due to its root formations being able to travel quite deep in the decomposed granite terroir, the canopies remain full and provide cool shade to both the fruit and the vines, thus safeguarding them from temperature fluctuations and sun. This in turn culminates in a Swartland Chenin Blanc with great elevated freshness, retention of perfume and linear ageing.

Date(s) Harvested:
The grapes were harvested between the 18th and 23rd of February 2021 with a yield of 4 tons/ha, which translated to 24HL/ha.

Winemaking:
Harvested by hand in the cool early morning hours, the grapes were whole-bunch pressed to barrel and the juice handled oxidatively, ensuring longevity of the wine once in bottle. Primary and secondary fermentation completed its natural respective cycles without any interference, after which minimal SO2 was added and, in line with our ethos, no further additions were made. The wine was left on the lees in its respective barrels until spring, then racked and blended just before the 2022 vintage and bottled unfiltered.

Maturation:
This wine was matured for 11 months in 4th fill 225L French oak barrels.

Tasting Note:
The cooler evenings of the long 2021 growing season, worked in unison with the GRANITE soils to develop upfront yellow citrus blossom, summer fynbos and hints of green tea welcoming one's senses. This leads to a gorgeous pithy and minerality-driven mid-palate and the ever-present vibrancy that our Single Terroir Chenin Blancs are known for. As to be expected from its reflective Granitic soils, this wine will boast a slow and extended linear progression as it ages and will provide the most drinking pleasure if decanted.

Technical Details at Bottling:
Alcohol 13.5 % - RS 1.9 g/l - TA 6.5 g/l - pH 3.27