



LAIBACH

2020 CHENIN BLANC SUR LIE - ORGANIC -

VARIETAL	: 100% Chenin Blanc
ALCOHOL	: 13.5 % vol.
TA	: 5.8 g/l
pH	: 3.62
RS	: 3.4 g/l

The fourth release of our very popular Reserve Organic Chenin. This vintage was probably one of our best vintages in the last 25 years. After a tough and challenging 2019 vintage this made up for all the drama with the pandemic, alcohol bans and just tough business conditions.

This wine is made from our older vineyards on the farm. They are all farmed organically and are planted in some of the best “terroir” in South - Africa. The Simonsberg/Stellenbosch appellation is not well known for Chenin Blanc, but with the right clones and “natural” growing conditions we can produce something exceptional. Complete out of the box winemaking together with low yields help us to make this wine that can compete with a 50 year plus vineyard. It is all about getting the balance right.

We pick everything by hand on the farm, early mornings if possible. We have 4 blocks of Chenin on 4 different areas on the farm. Each one is different and will also ripen at different times over at least 3 weeks. No sorting, destemming or crushing. We do not know what a botrytis berry looks like. Grapes are just amazing. All open top tanks are naturally fermented, and extended skin contact is given during fermentation. No enzymes, yeast nutrients or finings are added. After pressing some parts are aged in concrete shaped eggs as well as some larger format barrels for 11 months without sulphur on the thick lees.

Light straw colour. A potpourri of flavours with white nectarine, pineapple, yellow apple and dried herbs. The palate is rich, velvety with an amazing aftertaste. Long, with a lovely balanced lingering lemon and lime like acidity. It begs to be opened, but this wine will age gracefully and got enough structure and complexity to last 6 - 10 years. Enjoy.

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