

## INDABA Chenin Blanc 2016



Winemaker	Bruwer Raats
Varietal Blend	100% Chenin Blanc
Location	South Africa
Appellation	Western Cape
Alcohol Content	13%
TA	5.9 g/l
pH	3.45
RS	2.6 g/l

### Accolades

88 points *Wine Spectator*

### Noteworthy

A commitment to social responsibility is a key part of the Indaba philosophy, and a portion of the brand's sales supports early education for wineland workers' children.

### Certifications

Integrated Production of Wines (IPW) Certified, Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment (BBBEE) Level 5

### VINEYARDS:

Grapes were sourced from select vineyard sites in Paarl-Paardeberg, Stellenbosch and McGregor, characterized by soils of Table Mountain sandstone, decomposed Dolomite granite, shale and red Karoo clay. The vines range in age from 14 to 40+ years old, and more than half are low-yielding dry farmed bush vines.

### VINTAGE:

The 2016 growing season was extremely dry and hot. It was the earliest harvest on record in the Cape, with Chenin Blanc being harvested two weeks earlier than usual. Warm, dry conditions helped to keep grapes free from any rot or disease pressure. Low moisture levels resulted in reduced yields. Vines produced compact bunches and small berries, which translated into wines of great fruit concentration. Ripening was achieved at lower sugar (and hence alcohol) levels.

### VINIFICATION AND MATURATION:

The grapes were handpicked in the cool early morning hours, de-stemmed and lightly crushed. After eight hours of skin contact, the grapes were pressed and the juice was left to settle for 24 hours. It was then cold fermented in stainless steel tanks over a period of 2-3 weeks. The wine was aged on its lees in tank for five months. A small portion (2%) was naturally fermented in 300 liter French oak barrels and aged on the lees for five months for enhanced richness and texture on the palate.

### TASTING NOTES:

Chenin Blanc is South Africa's most widely planted varietal and the Cape's signature white. This fresh, crowd-pleasing version offers vibrant flavors of honeyed pear, golden delicious apple and luscious tropical fruit.

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