



PAINTED *wolf* WINES

The Den Chenin Blanc 2013 W.O. Swartland

Tasting notes

This wine has lively flavours of creamy pineapple, pink lady apples and melon. The wine has a great texture and a long finish with just enough acid to keep it fresh and vibrant.

The Vineyard

Chenin Blanc is harvested from a number of blocks on farms in the Swartland region, both irrigated and dry farmed vines of 20 to 40 years old.

Winemaking

This wine was made from ripe grapes picked to deliver a rich flavour and texture. A portion of the wine was treated in a conventional manner, with about 20% being fermented with a small number of French oak staves at 15 Celsius until about 10 balling and then cooled down to 6 degrees to bring a "Loire" winter to the wine) where it continued to slowly ferment for a further 2 months building glycerol and texture in the wine. The cooling is then turned off allowing a further period of slow fermentation. There is a small amount of Chardonnay blended into this wine.

Ageing potential

This wine should be drunk within 3-4 years of the vintage.

Wine Analysis

Alcohol 13.5%
Residual Sugar 6.3g/l
Total Acid 5.5g/l
Ph. 3.2

Awards & Accolades

- Platter 3.5 stars
- Bronze Medal Old Mutual trophy wine show 2014
- Silver Medals International Wine Challenge 2014
- Silver medal Veritas 2014
- Robert Parker's Wine Advocate 87 points
- 89 Points - Wine Enthusiast (Best Buy)

Food Suggestions

The Den Chenin Blanc is delicious on its own. The wine has tons of flavours and is just off-dry so it is a versatile partner for many different dishes.

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