

# Piekenierskloof Chenin Blanc 2017

Nestled in the Citrusdal Mountains, some 50 kilometres north of Swartland, is the magnificent Piekenierskloof plateau, which provides the perfect natural environment for vineyards to thrive. At 750 meters above sea level, the plateau's climate is characterised by hot (warm) days and cool nights, which allow grapes to slowly ripen and develop complex fruit flavours. Ungrafted bush vines planted in the 1950's are still used in the production of Piekenierskloof Wine Company's range of Fairtrade wines.

## IN THE VINEYARD

Grapes are sourced from vineyards predominantly in the Piekenierskloof region. These are bush vineyards and grow on koffiekliip and sandy loam soils. Vineyards are planted in 1987, which makes the vines 29 years old. Vineyard are meticulously farmed and yields were down to 3 tons per hectare because of a very dry year. Harversting took place middle to end of February.

## WINEMAKING

Grapes were handpicked very early in the morning allowing the fruit to retain their natural flavor. Only the free run juice was used, allowed to settle and inoculated with selected yeast strain, fermenting under controlled conditions at 12°C. 62% of the blend consists of unwooded Chenin Blanc - the other 38% was made up from single vineyard Chenin Blanc fermented in 500L French oak barrels.

## WINE INFORMATION

Production area: Piekenierskloof

Cultivar : 100% Chenin Blanc

## TECHNICAL INFROMATION

Alcohol: 13.50 vol %

pH: 3.40

Total Acid: 6.2 g/l

RS: 1.87 g/l

## TASTING NOTE

A wine with fresh tropical aromas of pear and apple with a refreshing melon and vanilla aftertaste on the palate. The wine has a fresh but full and smooth mouth feel with a crisp finish.

## FOOD PAIRING

Exceptional with shellfish, vegetarian dishes containing aubergine, leeks and peppers, salads with a light vinaigrette or tangy mayonnaise, oysters, asparagus with hollandaise and goat's milk cheese.

Serve between 7 - 9°C for best results and can cellar for 2 – 3 year

