



KIKA 2012 STELLENBOSCH NOBLE LATE HARVEST



WINEMAKING NOTE: This is a Noble Late Harvest made from 100% Chenin blanc.

We do up to three pickings. Picking only bunches which are perfectly infected with Noble Rot. The grapes were picked at a sugar of around 36 degrees brix and an acidity of 9.0 g/l.

The grapes were delivered to the winery and put directly into cold storage overnight to drop the temperature of the grapes down to around 4 degrees Celsius. The grapes were then hand sorted and loaded into a basket press where they were foot trodden to maximise extraction. After pressing the juice was settled and racked to barrel where fermentation took place naturally taking 3 months to complete. The fermentation stopped naturally at a perfect balance of sweetness, acidity and alcohol.

TASTING NOTES:

COLOUR: The wine has a brilliant golden colour with a hint of amber.

NOSE: The nose of the wine has stunning pure fruit notes of white peach, dried apricots and candied oranges. There is a hint of blossoms underlying toasted oak and ginger spice.

PALATE: The palate is fresh and clean with stunning vibrant fruit characters intertwined with floral notes and a hint of spice. The finish is clean and refreshing. The natural sweetness of the wine is perfectly balanced by the vibrant acidity.

FOOD PAIRING: Fresh pan seared Foie Gras or Foie gras pate served on Crostini and herb salad; Or served with a dessert of crepes and a citrus syrup; Or ripe hard cheese and nuts.

MATURATION: To be enjoyed immediately after release but will benefit with cellaring for up to 5 years from harvest.

PRODUCTION: 1100 ½ bottles

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:

- PH: 3.19
- TA: 8.3 g/l
- RS: 124.9 g/l
- Alc: 12.4% by vol.

AWARDS

- 4½ Stars Platter's Wine Guide 2014
- 95 Points The Wine Advocate - Neal Martin - 2013
- 92 Points Tim Atkin's South African Report 2013

VITICULTURE | AREA: STELLENBOSCH, ON THE BOTTOM SLOPES OF THE SIMONSBERG

Altitude:	Aspect:	Row direction:	Planted in:	Soil Type:	Training:	Pruning:	Irrigation:	Plant Density:	Cropping:
200m	Northwest	NA	1978	Decomposed shale	Bush Vine	Spur pruned	Supplemental	4000 vines per hectare (1m x 2.5m spacing)	1.5 tons/ha or 6 hl/ha