



KIKA 2014 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 42 degrees brix and an acidity of 11.0 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 400 liter barrels 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 deep golden colour.

NOSE: The nose is deep and heady, with concentrated aromas of quince jelly, dried apricots and. There are hints of fresh brioche and toasted almonds.

PALATE: All these aromas are mirrored on the palate with a stunning balance between the concentrated honeyed entry and the fresh acidity on the finish. There is even a hint of tannins on the finish that assist in the lingering texture on the finish. This wine is in perfect balance and will only improve with time.

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: 1500 ½ bottles

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:

- PH: 3.47
- TA: 9.3 g/l
- RS: 147.4 g/l
- Alc: 12.0% by vol.

AWARDS

- 5 Stars 2016 Platter's Wine Guide
- 93 Points The Wine Advocate – Neal Martin 2015
- 95 Points Tim Atkin's 2015 South African report
- 91 Points Vinous - Stephen Tanzer - 2016

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