



KIKA 2016 STELLENBOSCH NOBLE LATE HARVEST



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

We picked 3 times between the 18th March and 1st April. Picking only bunches which are perfectly infected with Noble Rot and those with raisins. The grapes were picked at sugars of between 42 and 49 degrees brix and an acidity of 7.5 and 10.0 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 crushed whole bunch into bins for a cold soak for 24 hours after which fermentation was initiated. Fermentation on the skins took place for 4 days before the grapes were pressed and the fermenting must taken to 400L old French oak barrels for fermentation to complete, which took 3 months. The fermentation stopped naturally at a perfect balance of sweetness, acidity and alcohol.

The wine was bottled in August 2016.

TASTING NOTES:

COLOUR: This wine has an intense deep golden colour.

NOSE: The nose has a high tone lift of perfumed floral honeysuckle notes. The aromas are that of dried fruits such as apricots, figs and peaches.

PALATE: The wine enters the palate with an intense explosion of rich yellow fruits with flavours of orange preserve, honey and floral honeysuckle notes. This leads to a rounded mid palate with a slight grip of tannins with a refreshing finish.

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 10 years from harvest.

PRODUCTION: 2600 ½ bottles

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:

- PH: 3.81
- TA: 8.9 g/l
- RS: 194.3 g/l
- Alc: 12.0% by vol.

AWARDS

- 5 stars by Platter's Wine Guide 2018
- 92 Points - Vinous 2018
– Neal Martin
- 95 Points - Tim Atkin's South African Report 2017

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