



KIKA 2025 STELLENBOSCH NOBLE LATE HARVEST



WINEMAKING NOTES: This is a Noble Late Harvest made from 100% Chenin blanc from two vineyards in the Bottelary area of Stellenbosch.

Five separate pickings took place between the end of March and the beginning of May. Targeting only the those bunches infected with Noble Rot (*Botrytis Cinerea*).

The grapes were picked at sugars of between 33- and 60-degrees brix and acidities of between 7.0 and 9.0 g/l, into small crates and placed into cold storage overnight. The following day the grapes were first hand sorted followed by whole bunch crushing into bins for a cold soak of between two and four days.

After which they were pressed to 228L and 400L old French oak barrels for fermentation. The fermentation stopped naturally at a perfect balance of sweetness, acidity and alcohol.

The wine was bottled in October 2025.

TASTING NOTES:

COLOUR: The wine displays a rich golden hue.

NOSE: The nose is complex and filled with aromas of dried apricots, quince jelly, orange blossom, honeysuckle, orange peel and ginger spice emanating from the glass.

PALATE: The entry onto the palate is silky and viscous with intense rich sweet flavours of apricot, peach, and tropical fruits, layered with honey, honeycomb, marmalade, and clove spice, balanced by acidity and a gripping texture with hints of citrus zest on the finish. Thus creating a full, complex dessert wine with a rich, velvety texture.

FOOD PAIRING: Fresh pan seared Foie Gras or Duck liver pâté served on Crostini and a 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: Only 3476 375ml bottles were produced.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:

- PH: 3.76
- TA: 7.5 g/l
- RS: 223.8 g/l
- Alc: 11.0% by vol.

AWARDS:

- New release

VITICULTURE | AREA: STELLENBOSCH - BOTTELARY

Altitude:	Aspect:	Row direction:	Planted in:	Soil Type:	Training:	Pruning:	Irrigation:	Plant Density:	Clone/ Rootstock:	Cropping:
160 & 220m	North & East	North-South & East-West	2006 & 2004	Tukulu & Oakleaf (Weathered Granite & Shale Origin)	7-wire Perold VSP	Spur pruned	Supple- mentary	3100 vines/ha (1.2m x 2.7m spacing)	Unknown	1.5 tons/ha or 6 hl/ha