

Swartland Winery, 'Bush Vines', Swartland, Chenin Blanc 2018



Awards

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A full flavoured and classic Chenin Blanc with rich and honied aromas of ripe tropical fruits, full of flavour.

Producer Note

Big open skies, arid deserts, the vast flowing landscape, with its unforgiving climate and rugged bush vines, this is wild country, this is Swartland. The contrast with manicured Constantia and oh-so-cool Stellenbosch couldn't be greater. But right now, Swartland is the most exciting wine region in South Africa. A new wave of winemakers are making ground-breaking wines from Rhône varietals and it is part of a revolution that has got everybody talking. The Swartland Winery is producing iconic and award winning wines in this fashionable and dynamic region, so we have joined forces with them to create a unique, distinctive and expressive wine range that has been masterfully blended for the UK palate. We think something this good, is definitely worth talking about!

Vintage

The 2018 vintage was characterised by extreme drought but very little disease on the grapes, thus ensuring very healthy grapes and low yields. This all contributed to complex and concentrated flavour profiles.

Vineyard

The Swartland name originates from a description of the indigenous "renosterbos" or rhino bush, which appears to turn black, ("Swart" in Afrikaans), during the summer months. This hot, dry climate has an average temperature range of 25°C to 35°C and an annual rainfall of 450 mm and 600mm, but the altitude of these vineyards creates a cool oasis in this arid landscape. Minimal intervention and environmentally friendly farming practices are paramount. The soil types vary, but Malmesbury Shale dominates, with small patches of granite and Table Mountain sandstone. The grapes came from a single vineyard, from 100% bush vines with an age range of between 25 to 30 years.

Winemaking

The grapes were harvested at optimal phenolic ripeness. Fermentation took place in stainless steel tanks at controlled temperatures of 12.5°C, lasting 10 to 14 days. 40% of the wine was barrel fermented in older oak, imparting subtle oak complexity. Ageing took place on the fine lees for six months in 225 French oak barrels.

Tasting Note

Inviting aromas of orange blossom and citrus note lead to a full, rich palate with spicy tones. The lush tropical fruit flavours are underpinned by beautifully integrated oak through to a long, butterscotch finish.

Grape

Chenin Blanc 100%



Winemaker:	Marius Prins
Region:	Western Cape
Sub region:	Swartland
Country:	South Africa
Alcohol:	14%
Dry/Sweet value:	2 (1 is dry, 7 is very sweet)
Residual Sugar:	2.9
Contains Sulphites:	Yes
Vegetarian/Vegan:	No/No
Milk/Eggs:	No/No
Organic:	No
Biodynamic:	No
Product Code:	5603218A
Case unit of measure:	6X75CL
Formats Available:	75cl
Closure:	Diam