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2019 Dassiekop Steen / Chenin blanc

Vineyards and vines: Dassiekop is a single vineyard found high on the Paardeberg mountain and was planted on steep terraces in the early 1970's by the father of my neighbour, Pierre Rossouw, on the farm Uitkyk. Steep terraces and bands of fynbos make this vineyard look as if it was meant to be there.

Grapes: Chenin Blanc 100%

Vinification: The vinification is quite straight forward when you are working with fantastic grapes from old vineyards. The total vineyard yields around 0.5 tons/ha. The grapes are pressed and run off into older casks for fermentation and ageing.

Maturation: We only use old 1200L foudres for the fermentation and maturation of 15 months. After this the wine is are racked and bottled

Analysis

Alcohol	13.67 vol%
Residual Sugar	2.29 g/L
pH	3.44
Total Acidity (Tartaric)	5.19 g/L
Total sulphur	83 ppm

For me the this is the finest Chenin Blanc or Steen vineyard and site in the Swartland. The rare combination of the perfect match between site, varietal and age of vines is truly expressed in this wine. Exceptional mouthfeel, texture, freshness, and concentration of fruit is the norm from this site. This wine is not released annually.

1520 bottles produced

Adi Badenhorst

