

Keermont

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THE KEERMONT SINGLE VINEYARD SERIES

The Keermont Single Vineyard Series was created to highlight the superb quality and individual character of the wines produced from certain vineyard parcels on the farm. These parcels have been registered as Single Vineyards with the South African Wine Industry Information & Systems NPC (SAWIS) and wines labelled as such may not contain wine made from any other vineyard. The production of each wine is therefore very limited. We do not bottle these wines every year.

RIVERSIDE CHENIN BLANC 2017

Planted in 1971, Riverside Chenin Blanc is the oldest vineyard on Keermont. Soils on the banks of the upper Blaauwklippen River, in which the vines are planted, vary from sandy alluvial plains with river stone to red clay loam as one moves away from the river. This patchy old vineyard, at an elevation of 250m, delivers very low yields of incredible quality fruit year in and year out. Like the old vines from which it is made, this wine has great complexity and character with quiet intensity.

All grapes used in producing this wine are sourced from the Riverside vineyard on Keermont. Small parcels of grapes are selected according to optimal ripeness and harvested by hand. The grapes are vinified gently and naturally following traditional techniques. This wine was fermented and then spent a further 12 months maturing on the lees in a combination of new and seasoned French oak barrels. Bottling was carried out by hand without filtration. Only 3792 bottles of this wine was produced.

Tasting note: A polished light yellow gold colour, this wine has a bouquet of citrus blossom with hazelnut, lemon grass and spring flowers. The entry on the palate is tight and focussed with ripe peach and lime flavours and a hint of marzipan. Lovely zippy acidity allows for a long clean textured finish. Drink 2018-2028.

Previous releases:

Riverside Chenin Blanc 2015: 93 pts NEAL MARTIN (Wine Advocate)
93 pts TIM ATKIN (MW)
Riverside Chenin Blanc 2014: 5 stars PLATTER GUIDE 2016
92 pts NEAL MARTIN (Wine Advocate)
17 pts JANCIS ROBINSON
Riverside Chenin Blanc 2013: 89 pts NEAL MARTIN (Wine Advocate)
4½ stars PLATTER GUIDE

2017 Vintage Report:

2017 was a very good growing season on Keermont. Despite a drier than usual winter, we had strong growth in the vineyards during the spring time. This led to the formation of a good healthy crop which ripened evenly during the warm, dry summer. Harvest started fairly early, but was put on hold after a heavy rainfall. This perked the vines up and allowed for extended ripening which definitely raised the quality. We recorded one of our largest and healthiest crops yet.

Analysis:

WINE	Alc %	pH	TA g/L	RS g/L	TSO ₂ mg/L	VA g/L
Riverside Chenin Blanc 2017	13.5	3.48	4.6	1.4	68	0.57

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