

TERRASSE 2017

55% Chenin Blanc; 21% Sauvignon Blanc; 14% Chardonnay; 5% Viognier; 3% Marsanne; 2% Rousanne

The KEERMONT TERRASSE white blend derives its name from the terraced vineyards on Keermont. The backbone of this blend is Chenin Blanc from a 48 year old un-irrigated vineyard called 'Riverside' and this is complimented by Chenin from two younger vineyards and varying fractions of Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc and Viognier. In the 2017 vintage we included a barrel each of Marsanne and Rousanne from our younger Riverside vineyards.

All grapes used in producing our wines are grown on Keermont Vineyards. Most of the vineyard parcels grow on deep red clay rich soil derived from sandstone and granite and are surrounded by indigenous vegetation. They lie between 250 and 400 meters above sea level in the valley between the Stellenbosch and Helderberg mountain ranges and have a variety of aspects from North East to West facing. Small batches of grapes are specifically selected according to ripeness, harvested by hand and vinified separately. White wines are fermented by indigenous yeast in seasoned French oak barrels and then spend a further 12 months maturing on the lees. Bottling is carried out by hand without filtration. 13919 bottles and 64 magnums of the Terrasse 2017 were produced.

Keermont Vineyards is a boutique wine estate set in the naturally-formed amphitheatre between the Helderberg and Stellenbosch mountain ranges. We aim to grow wines that reflect the natural wonders of this beautiful place.

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Analysis

Alc: 13.50% **pH:** 3.33 **TA:** 5.4 g/L **RS:** 2.4g/L **TSO₂:** 106mg/L **VA:** 0.59g/L

Vineyard Blocks

Block	Variety	Planted	Yield ton/Ha	Percentage of Blend
Riverside	Chenin Blanc	1971	3.1 ton/Ha	16%
Low Road	Chenin Blanc	2007	11.9 ton/Ha	20%
Bobbejaan	Chenin Blanc	2009	9.3 ton/Ha	19%
Uitkyk	Sauvignon Blanc	1988	5.3 ton/Ha	21%
Low Road	Chardonnay	2007	9.6 ton/Ha	11%
Die Terrasse	Chardonnay	2009	1 ton/Ha	3%
Cottage Lane	Viognier	2006	7.4 ton/Ha	5%
Riverside	Marsanne	2014	3.4 ton/Ha	3%
Riverside	Rousanne	2014	2.8 ton/Ha	2%

TASTING NOTE

A polished light yellow gold colour, this wine has a complex bouquet of spicy citrus and stone fruit with hints of orange blossom, hazelnut, crushed oyster shell and butterscotch. On entry, the wine has a soft full palate. Subtle fruit flavours of peach, litchi and apricot are complimented by hints of sweet spice and vanilla. There is good weight on the mid-palate and a light texture. Crunchy apple acidity holds the wine together into a lingering, succulent finish. Drink 2019-2030.

VINTAGE REPORT

2017 was an excellent 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 rejuvenated the vines and allowed for extended ripening which definitely raised the quality. We recorded one of our largest and healthiest crops yet.

PREVIOUS RELEASES

TERRASSE 2016: 93 pts TIM ATKIN (MW)
4½ stars PLATTER GUIDE
90 pts NEAL MARTIN (Wine Advocate)

TERRASSE 2015: 95 pts Cape White Blend Report - Wine Magazine 2017
93 pts TIM ATKIN (MW)
4 stars PLATTER GUIDE
92 pts WINE SPECTATOR
93 pts NEAL MARTIN (Wine Advocate)

TERRASSE 2014 : 94 pts TIM ATKIN (MW)
90 pts WINE SPECTATOR
4½ stars PLATTER GUIDE 2016
93 pts NEAL MARTIN (Wine Advocate)

TERRASSE 2013: British Airways First Class;
Jancis Robinson – 17 pts
Tim Atkin (MW) – 94 pts
Neal Martin (Robert Parker's Wine Advocate) – 89 pts