



# ROBERTSON WINERY

ESTD 1941

## CHENIN BLANC

### VINTAGE

The 2011 vintage resulted in wines of excellent flavour and complexity. After a cold winter, temperatures rose during the latter part of August ensuring even bud break. The absence of strong North Westerly winds during the initial growing season meant strong vine growth. Vine vigour and berry size could be controlled with regulated deficit irrigation. Although the first week of January was warm, night time temperatures cooled enough for the grapevines to recuperate effectively. The option of irrigating helped growers to manage warmer spells. Rain influenced decisions made during the first part of harvest. The remainder of the harvest saw fine weather and healthy grapes of excellent quality delivered to the cellar.

### VINEYARDS

The fruit was sourced from 35 specially selected grape growing families in the Robertson Valley. Vines are grown in deep cool alluvial soil that is rich in lime and receives an annual rainfall of only 280 mm per year. Fruit was harvested very early in the morning from the last week of February to the middle of March. Our Chenin Blanc vines are planted on the riverbanks with a row direction from northwest to southeast to utilize the prevailing sea breeze. The sea breeze cools down the fruit, extends the ripening period and builds up concentrated flavours in the grapes. The average annual rainfall is supplemented by controlled drip irrigation from the Breede River.

### WINEMAKING

Grapes were harvested between 21° - 22°B from a selection of vineyards. Gentle pressing followed by using a Pneumatic bag press to capture the delicate fruit component. The wine was made reductively to prevent any oxidation and to ensure that natural flavours of the grapes could be retained. Fermentation happened slowly in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks for 18 days at 13°C.

### WINEMAKER'S COMMENT

An appealing light straw colour. Light with lovely ripe, attractive rounded fruit. Fresh floral nose and an exciting acid balance. Enjoy now with seafood, smoked salmon, roast chicken and pork.

VINTAGE  
REGION  
WINEMAKER  
YIELD (TON/HA)  
ALCOHOL  
PH  
TOTAL ACIDITY  
RESIDUAL SUGAR  
OAK MATURATION  
FERMENTATION TEMP  
CELLARING POTENTIAL  
SERVING TEMPERATURE  
ALLERGENS

2011  
ROBERTSON  
FRANCOIS WEICH  
14 TONS  
12,61%  
3,47  
5,81  
6,6  
NIL  
11° - 12°C  
2011 - 2012  
8° - 10°C  
CONTAINS SULPHITES

CERTIFICATIONS:

