

ESTABLISHED 1777  
**WELGEGUND**  
HERITAGE WINES



## CHENIN BLANC 2017

### TASTING NOTES

A lightly wooded wine that exhibits captivating complexity. Pineapple, citrus and apricots initially evident, followed by layers of stone fruit, pear, lime and white flowers. It has a rich palate with creamy, oaky undertones and lasting citrus, lemon and lime flavours.

### VITICULTURE

The Certified Heritage Vineyard that produces our Chenin Blanc grapes was planted in 1974. It is a dryland, trellised and low yielding vineyard that produces around 2 tonnes of exceptional fruit per hectare. The north west facing vineyard has ancient decomposed granite soil, that adds to the minerality in the wine.

### VINICULTURE

Hand harvested from a single vineyard, in the early morning to obtain the best quality fruit possible, the grapes were chilled to 5°C to prevent oxidation prior to gentle whole bunch pressing. The chilled juice was settled for 48 hours with racking to different fermentation vessels. 30% of the wine was fermented in 500 litre French oak barrels and the remainder was fermented separately in stainless steel tanks. A different yeast was added to this wine, creating complexity in the final blend. The wine was aged separately for 11 months and then blended and bottled in January 2018. Strictly limited production of 4500 bottles.

### SERVING SUGGESTIONS:

A wonderful accompaniment to fish and seafood especially calamari, lobster, mussels & lemon butter prawns. Excellent with poultry, especially roast duck, and pairs particularly well with game birds but has sufficient structure to compliment lamb and pork. Ideal with soft, white cheese.

### ANALYSIS

Vintage: 2017  
Cultivar: Chenin Blanc  
Appellation: Wellington  
Alcohol: 12,5 % vol  
PH: 3,48  
Total Acidity: 6,0 g/l  
Sugar: 2,4 g/l  
Optimum Drinking: From 2018  
Oak: 500 L French Oak Barrels  
Ageing: 11 months  
Production: 4500 bottles

### TERROIR

Aspect: Northwest  
Trellising: Perold System  
Climate: Cold winters, very hot summers  
Rainfall: 450 – 600 mm/year  
Geology: Decomposed Granite  
Hectares: 1,5 ha  
Yield: 2,8 tons/ha  
Planted: 1974  
Harvested: January 2017

