



Darling Cellars Lime Kilns 2019

main variety Chenin Blanc

vintage 2019

analysis alc: 14.08 | ph: 3.32 | rs: 2.24 | ta: 6.03

type White

producer Darling Cellars

style Dry

winemaker Pieter-Niel Rossouw & Maggie Immelman

taste Fruity

wine of Darling

body Full

tasting notes

This wine shows a lot of tropical notes like peaches apricot, honeycomb and orange peel. This is a seriously complexed wine that has a great mid palate with good length and ageing potential.

blend information

79% Chenin Blanc, 10.5% Viognier, 10.5% Chardonnay

food suggestions

Pairs well with smoked duck, roasted chicken, Norwegian salmon, pan-frie. This is a definite food wine.

in the vineyard

The grapes are harvested from dry land farmed vineyards in Darling, where the vines are not trellised and planted as bush vines on deep red oakleaf soils. These grapes ripen as nature intended without human intervention. Vineyards are monitored for optimal picking times, adopting a combination of sampling and tasting to optimize the richer tropical (thiol) notes. The Viognier vines are situated high up in the south-western facing hills looking towards Table Mountain, Chenin Blanc harvested from 38 years old bush vines and the Chardonnay from 24-year-old vines. All three vineyards produce very low yields of 2-3 tons per hectare.

in the cellar

Crush and destalk, 12 hours skin contact. Cultivars are barrel fermented separately in 500 litre French oak barrels. Racked to barrels and left for 9 months on fine lees. Aged for 2-3 months on fermentation lees to add complexity.