



De Krans 'Free-Run' Chenin Blanc 2016

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Appellation: Calitzdorp
Grape varietal: Chenin Blanc
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Background

De Krans Wine Cellar is situated along the upper reaches of the picturesque Gamka River Valley near Calitzdorp. The history of the farm dates back to 1890 when the current owners' great grandfather bought part of the first farm established in Calitzdorp, named Buffelsvallei ("Buffalo valley") on the edge of the municipal boundary of Calitzdorp.

The first grapes were planted in 1936 mainly for the production of raisins and some sweet wine. In 1964 the present cellar was built and De Krans quickly became well-known for quality ports and Muscat sweet wines, as well as dry table wines.

The current owners and winemaker now take advantage of the unique Calitzdorp terroir to produce great quality Cape ports and table wines from a whole range of interesting grape varieties.

Vineyards

Perfectly balanced vines grown on the banks of the Gamka River are harvested beginning of March at 22-23° Balling to ensure an abundance of ripe fruit flavours. Clone SN 9E provides the backbone for this fruit driven wine.

Winemaking

Harvesting takes place early morning to ensure the coolest possible berries. Only free-run juice is

separated after crushing to cut the risk of phenolic oxidation. The juice is then slowly fermented for more than a month and left on the lees for another couple of months to give maximum freshness and roundness.

Winemaker's comments

Colour: Clear, clean, crisp translucent colour with fresh yellow, green hue.

Bouquet: Fresh ripe tropical fruit salad, ripe banana, guava and passion fruit with hints of lime and flintiness.

Taste: Abundance of soft fresh tropical fruits well-rounded smooth structure and lingering aftertaste.

Food pairing

Great on its own during a hot Sunday braai with fresh snoek, or braaied chicken. Also lovely with pasta's and salads.

Chemical analysis

Alcohol: 12.63
pH: 3.46
TA: 6.00
RS: 1.47 g/l
Extract: 19.67

Awards

Gold at SA Young Wine Show 2015
Gold at Gold Awards 2015
Klein Karoo Bottled Wine Show 2012:
Gold
Champion Chenin Blanc at Klein Karoo Young Wine Show 2015
Champion white wine at Klein Karoo Young Wine Show 2015

