

dornier

WINES



2014 | DONATUS WHITE - WESTERN CAPE

Chenin Blanc 74% / Semillon 26%

The focus behind this blend is to bring together the opulence and complexity of Chenin Blanc with the freshness and rich mouth feel of the Semillon. In addition to the fruit traditionally used from vineyards in Stellenbosch, we decided to source fruit from old, dryland vineyards within the Swartland region.

Tasting Note by the Winemaker

The nose is bursting with aromas of white flowers, crisp pears and stone fruit. The palate is elegant and delicate, with flavours of grapefruit, minerals, peaches and honey. The wine has a terrific mouthfeel and a fine minerality on the finish. There is a lovely underlying freshness to this wine.

Vineyards

We source Chenin blanc from 2 old bushvine vineyards located in the Swartland, where the soil consists of decomposed granite with a very sandy composition. These vines yield intensely rich, perfumy fruit. The rest of the Chenin is sourced from a Stellenbosch bushvine vineyard, with a "koffee-klip" soil, offering minerality and finesse to the blend. We blend these Chenin components with Semillon from our Dornier property, where the soil is quite cool, offering freshness to the blend.

2014 was a vintage for winemakers to pick on taste, not on numbers. The wines from this season are fresh and bright, but still show an underlying complexity.

Winemaking

We receive the fruit within the early hours of the morning while they are still cool. The bunches are sorted by hand and pressed whole bunch, allowing for a low extraction of juice. The parcels of fruit are fermented separately in 300L and 400L French Oak barrels, of which 25% is new. The wine spends 10 months aging on the lees in barrel, which gives great mouthfeel and richness to the wine.

Food pairing

Being a full flavoured wooded wine, seafood dishes with richness and weight such will complement this wine. Think lobster, prawn risotto, clams, yellowtail. It will also work well with pork belly, Thai curries and roasted aubergine dishes.

Analysis: Alcohol: 12.5%; Residual sugar: 2.5g/L; Total Acid: 5.4g/L; pH: 3.31; VA: 0.49

