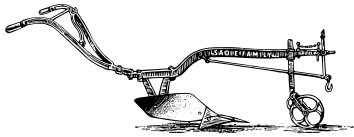




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### VINEYARDS



#### Location

Citrusdal Mountain



#### Grapes

Chenin Blanc / Steen (*South African synonym*)



#### Ageing

12 months in old foudre



#### Soils

Weathered Table Mountain  
Sandstone Formations

### TECHNICAL DETAILS



#### Yield

23 hl/ha



#### Alcohol

13,5 %



#### Residual Sugar

2,1 g/L



#### pH

3,25



#### Total Acidity

5,7 g/L



#### Total Sulphur

78 mg/L



## SKURFBERG

2024

**VINIFICATION** | The grapes are picked in small 20kg picking crates and then placed in a cooling room to reduce the temperature. We consider this an essential step in the Swartland where temperatures are often 35 degrees and more during harvest time; and pressing warm grapes comes with a series of potential challenges.

The cooling process is followed up by whole bunch pressing. The process takes about three hours and during this time there is a margin of settling of the juice in the collecting tank. The juice is then transferred to two older foudres where it is left undisturbed until natural fermentation starts.

The fermentation process can sometimes take up to 10 or more days to initiate and can last anything from 1 to 6 months, sometimes only finishing during the next spring, by which time the malolactic fermentation would often have come to completion as well.

**AGEING** | The wine is left in cask on the fermentation lees for 12 months and we bottle from the lees. We add about 50ppm of sulphur 2 weeks prior to bottling and bottle directly from the cask.

**NOTES** | The Skurfberg Mountain is part of the Citrusdal mountain area and the word Skurfberg (Rugged Mountain) mainly refers to the edgy and rough appearance of the mountain. The soil is mainly weathered Table Mountain sandstone formations and tends to be very sandy.

It is a truly great site for Chenin and it is most unusual that such a warm and dry area still produces wines with this enormous texture and freshness.

This 2024 Skurfberg vintage displays some riper tropical fruit alongside the usual Granny Smith apple fresh greener flavours. This vintage however, has some viscosity to it, balanced by a very bright and long acidity finish. This is a more linear version of the vineyard expression, and the wine should fill out with time in the bottle.