

KEN FORRESTER WINES

(STELLENBOSCH, WESTERN CAPE)

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In 1993 the Forrester family came to the rescue, restoring the 17th century homestead, replanting the vines and developing wines of quality.

In 1994 the first wines were produced under the Ken Forrester label, and soon the award-winning wines were at the forefront of the Chenin Blanc revival. The grapes are sourced from vineyards - some of them more than 30 years old - in the cool Helderberg region of Stellenbosch.

The farming is in the hands of a small highly dedicated team. Ken does all the sales and marketing, travelling around the world promoting South Africa and their great wines, happy to pour any South African wine far from home and carry the flag. It's a tough job, socialising and meeting great people in the relaxed environment of food and wine but someone has to do it!

We practice sustainable, organic viticulture, we make our own compost, we grow winter cover crops between the dormant vines, we use ducks to control snails and insects, and we manage yields according to the potential of the soils and the vines, we do not believe that stress is a good practice in the vineyards or in life!

Old Vine Reserve Chenin Blanc 2021

CSPC# 790307

750mlx12

13.5% alc./vol.

Chemical Analysis	Acidity: 5.90 g/l	pH: 3.47	Residual Sugar: 4.2 g/l
Grape Variety	100% <i>Chenin Blanc</i>		
Winemaker	Ken Forrester		
Info	The Reserve Range. Here we are solely responsible for the cultivation of the vines and selection of the fruit, mostly from our family property in Stellenbosch, just 4 miles from the cool Atlantic and in the sheltered lee of the majestic Helderberg mountain.		
Vineyards	Region: Helderberg, Bottelary Hills & Vlaeberg. Soil: Duplex soils, sandy material on a Ferricrete bank on patches of deeper clay. Bushvine, Semi-bush vine and Perold System. We use supplementary irrigation practices. Locality: South-south-west.		
Harvest	Hand harvested, with careful selection. Yield: Approx 6-8 tons.		
Vinification	Barrel and tank fermented and left on the lees (8 months French oak, 20% new) matured on secondary lees for a rounded complexity. Style: Rich and Ripe (Oak influenced).		
Tasting Notes	Golden hued and full bodied, with melon and spicy baked apple aromas. Layered, with mineral notes enhanced by honeycomb and caramel flavours from lees contact. This wine is a great example of the harmonious balance which can be achieved between fruit and delicate oak/vanilla flavours, as they combine to form complex, soft flavours with sufficient body to enhance even spicy and full flavoured meals.		
Serve with	Can be served with varied spicy dishes, full flavoured fish, or chicken dishes. Ideal with crayfish, prawns. A true benchmark for relaxed enjoyment.		
Scores/Awards	97 points/ Best in Show - Decanter World Wine Awards 2022 94 points - Wine Safari (Greg Sherwood MW) 2022 4.5 stars (93 points) - Malu Lambert, John Platter's Guide to South African Wines, 2023 91 points - Tim Atkin, 2022 91 points - Alain Lebel, Bacchus 2022		



Reviews *“From various old-vine sites in Stellenbosch. Harmonious 2021 fresh & fine flavours of melon, baked apple & white pear. Concentrated chenin fruit marries exquisitely with subtle wood tones & tingly, nervy acid that makes the wine feel weightless. Endless full-fruited with honeycomb nuance. Tank & barrel ferment, 9 months on lees in 20% new oak.”*
- ML, wineonaplatter.com

“We’ve had Chenin Blanc-based wines from the Loire in our Best In Show selection, but never yet a Chenin from the country with more of this variety planted than any rival nation: South Africa. That changed this year with this stylish Chenin from Stellenbosch. Gone was the sometimes over-fleshy, over-crafted style associated with ambitious Cape Chenin’s in the past. This pale gold, pure, fine-fruited wine hints at honey, spring flowers, pear, and quince in its focused, almost lacy aromas, while the palate is graceful and shapely, too, deftly balanced, and with a stony residuum that suggests deep-rooted old vines. An outstanding Chenin, in sum, perfectly pitched both as a varietal and as a Stellenbosch classic.”
- Decanter World Wine Awards
