

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!

Sparklehorse Brut MCC 2020

CSPC# 795074

750mlx6

12.0% alc./vol.

Chemical Analysis Acidity: 6.3 g/l pH: 3.31 Residual Sugar: 8.0 g/l

Grape Variety 100% Chenin Blanc

Winemaker In 1994, with most of the vineyard planted to Chenin Blanc it was decided to enlist the help of good friend and Top Winemaker, Martin Meinert, with the quest to produce Chenin Blanc that could rival any white wine in the world.

Vineyards Region: Stellenbosch, Helderberg.

Mature, irrigated vineyards with controlled yields. Planted in 1975. Old cordons removed in 2006 due to Eutypa. Re-trellised on Double Perold trellis system. Block farmed for specific wine purpose. Due to the age vines and old plant material, there are leafroll virus present in the block. Leafroll virus has an effect on the ripening phase of a vineyard, therefore by harvesting the fruit early, specifically for Cap Classique we reduce the pressure on the vineyard. Locality: South-south-west

Harvest Yield: Approximately 6 - 8 tons.

Hand-picked selectively between 18 - 19B Fruit picked in bins and go through a sorting process to optimize quality prior to crushing. A carefully selected cool vineyard site allows the grapes to mature while maintaining the all-important refreshing acidity.

Vinification Made by the Cap Classique or traditional method, this wine aged for 7 months on lees and 28 months sur lattes to develop a creaminess and delicate mousse while still maintaining bright, fresh apple, pear, and quince aromas.

Tasting Notes Ken Forrester Wines has a superb reputation for Chenin Blanc, and this first sparkling wine in the classic tradition is no exception. Pale yellow with a golden hint. On the nose, notes of yellow apples, brioche, and a floral touch. In the mouth the bubble is light and thin. Acidity is refreshing with flavors of granny Smith apples, pear, and honey. Pretty dry with a long finish.

Serve with An ideal bubbly to celebrate with. Enjoy with light creamy dishes: chicken breast with pepper and cream. White fish in sauce.

Scores/Awards **88 points (4/5 stars)** - Malu Lambert, John Platter's Guide to South African Wines, 2024

90 points - Tim Atkin MW, South African Wine Report (score only) - March 2023

Reviews *"Seductive 2020 bubbles from 1975 chenin bush vines reserved for crafting cap classique. Vivid apple, pear & peach juxtaposed with delicate creaminess from 2 years on lees, vivid acid lifts & focuses Stellenbosch fruit."*
- ML, John Platter's Guide to South African Wines



Petit Rosé 2021

CSPC# 800308

750mlx12

13.0% alc./vol.

Chemical Analysis	Acidity: 6.40 g/l	pH: 3.16	Residual Sugar: 4.4 g/l
Grape Variety	79% Grenache, 21% Viognier		
Winemaker	Ken Forrester		
Info	The Petit Range is mainly from contracted vineyards that we manage from pruning to harvest, specifically sourced to suit a fruit forward profile, to offer soft, market ready, instantly pleasing easy everyday drinking wines.		
Vineyards	Situated on the slopes of the Helderberg Mountain, in the heart of South Africa's most famous wine region Stellenbosch, our vineyards are commonly referred to as the Home of Chenin Blanc and other premium award-winning wines. The farm is 40 hectares and roughly 36 hectares of that is under vine. Soil: Duplex soils, in combination with decompose granite and fine sandy loam on a clay base. Trellised vineyard. Age of vines: 9 - 11years. Altitude: 100m. Aspect: East-West Facing		
Harvest	The Rosé project is from vineyards dedicated to Rosé, the fruit is hand harvested as if to produce a white wine with high natural acidity, hence no added acid in the cellar. Yield: 9 - 10 tons per hectare.		
Vinification	Crushed and pressed, leaving the skins soaking for an hour or two. This infuses the delicate copper salmon colour unique for Grenache and a cold fermentation in stainless tanks ensures an elegant wine.		
Tasting Notes	This very elegant Rosé overwhelms the nose with aromas of freshly picked strawberries, rose petal and cherry flavours. It follows through on the palate with delicious ripe raspberries with a delicate finish.		
Serve with	Ken Forrester's Petit Rose is a lovely delicate, elegant style and great with cold meats, salmon, salads or a fondue.		
Scores/Awards	3* stars - Penny Setti, John Platter's Guide to South African Wines, 2021		
Reviews	<i>"From grenache & viognier, 2021 no-fuss, no-frills rosé. Pink blush, pretty floral note, fresh strawberry & raspberry, rounded, comfortably dry finish."</i> - PS, John Platter's Guide to South African Wines		

"Bright salmon pink colour, with aromas of freshly picked strawberries, rose petal and red cherry that flow into an elegant palate, with ripe, succulent raspberries and a long, delicate finish."
- Sahouseofwine.co.uk



Silver Rosé 2022

CSPC# 858802

750mlx12

13.0% alc./vol.

Chemical Analysis Acidity: 5.5 g/l pH: 3.47 Residual Sugar: 3.6 g/l
Grape Variety 100% Grenache Noir

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 Situated on the slopes of the Helderberg Mountain, in the heart of South Africa's most famous wine region Stellenbosch, our vineyards are commonly referred to as the Home of Chenin Blanc and other premium award-winning wines. The farm is 40 hectares and roughly 36 hectares of that is under vine. Soil: Duplex soils, in combination with decomposed granite and fine sandy loam on a clay base. Trellised vineyard.

Age of vines: 9 – 11 years. Altitude: 100m. Aspect: East-West Facing

Harvest Hand harvested, with careful selection.

Vinification 9 months maturing on the fine lees in tank.

Tasting Notes Harvested with the perfect acidity. Elegant copper-hue captured in a timeless clear flint bottle that accentuates the purity and softness of the wine.

Winemaker's Notes I simply love Grenache Rosé - I love it for all the red fruit flavours, the strawberry, pomegranate, red berry fruit and for the last few years we've experimented with a single vineyard rosé from Grenache. So, the intent was a delightful, softly pink, elegant fruit focused wine but it had to have structure and body and a long finish on the palate - all of this almost contrary to the fact that you press the grape gently and drain off just the freshest "free-run juice" with little or no chance of getting tannins or structure from the skins! We are really thrilled with the result. The most daunting reality is we now have to somehow manage to do the same this vintage!

Serve with Serve with all light summertime meals, tapas, appetizers, Grilled Tuna, Chicken Salad, Charcuterie.

Scores/Awards **Double Gold Medal** - Rose Rocks 2022
Double Gold Medal - International Wine Challenge 2022
Double Gold Medal - Gilbert & Gaillard 2022



Petit Chenin Blanc 2023

CSPC# 790303

750mlx12

13.5% alc./vol.

Chemical Analysis	Acidity: 5.7 g/l	pH: 3.50	Residual Sugar: 2.0 g/l
Grape Variety	100% Chenin Blanc		
Sustainability	Sustainable farming. No herbicides or pesticides.		
Winemaker	Ken Forrester		
Info	The Petit Range is mainly from contracted vineyards that we manage from pruning to harvest, specifically sourced to suit a fruit forward profile, to offer soft, market ready, instantly pleasing easy everyday drinking wines.		
Vineyards	Situated on the slopes of the Helderberg Mountain, in the heart of South Africa's most famous wine region Stellenbosch, our vineyards are commonly referred to as the Home of Chenin Blanc and other premium award-winning wines. The farm is 40 hectares and roughly 36 hectares of that is under vine. The following grape varieties are on the farm; Chenin Blanc, Sauvignon Blanc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz, Merlot, Grenache, Mourvedre, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. Soil: Duplex soils, in combination with decomposed granite and fine sandy loam on a clay base. Aspect: south-south-west		
Harvest	Hand harvested. Yield: 6 - 8 tons per hectare		
Vinification	Fermented cool, bottled early to show the freshest fruit flavours.		
Tasting Notes	Perfect everyday drinking wine. A youthful fresh wine with quince and pear drop flavours. Earlier picked freshness shows on palate with crunchy green apple and grapefruit flavours. Good mouthfeel and appetizingly tangy finish.		
Serve with	Flavoursome, light al fresco summertime meals.		
Cellaring	Should last half an hour with the cap off and reach for the next bottle!		
Scores/Awards	3/5 stars - Malu Lambert, John Platter's Guide to South African Wines, 2024		
Reviews	<i>"Earlier picked for freshness, 2023 packs green apples & citrus into a steely, crisp body."</i> - ML, John Platter's Guide to South African Wines		



Petit Sauvignon Blanc 2022

CSPC# 790304

750mlx12

13.5% alc./vol.

Chemical Analysis Acidity: 6.20 g/l pH: 3.37 Residual Sugar: 2.6 g/l

Grape Variety 100% Sauvignon Blanc

Winemaker Ken Forrester

Info The Petit Range is mainly from contracted vineyards that we manage from pruning to harvest, specifically sourced to suit a fruit forward profile, to offer soft, market ready, instantly pleasing easy everyday drinking wines.

Vineyards Situated on the slopes of the Helderberg Mountain, in the heart of South Africa's most famous wine region Stellenbosch, our vineyards are commonly referred to as the Home of Chenin Blanc and other premium award-winning wines. The farm is 40 hectares and roughly 36 hectares of that is under vine. The following grape varieties are on the farm; Chenin Blanc, Sauvignon Blanc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz, Merlot, Grenache, Mourvedre, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. Soil: Duplex soils, in combination with decomposed granite and fine sandy loam on a clay base. Trellised vineyard. Aspect: south-south-west

Harvest Hand harvested. Yield: 8 tons per hectare

Vinification Fermented cool, bottled early to show the freshest fruit flavours.

Tasting Notes Lovely complexity with mix of tropical fruit, tangy grassy notes, fig leaves and nectarine nuances with crisp dry finish.

Serve with Ideal with fish, chicken and pasta and friends.

Scores/Awards **87 points** - Anthony Mueller, Robertparker.com - July 2023

3 stars - Malu Lambert, *John Platter's Guide to South African Wines, 2023*

Reviews *"The 2022 Petit Sauvignon Blanc begins with aromas of sweet-tart candies and fresh green herbs on the nose. Medium-bodied, easy-drinking, and uncomplicated, the wine ends with a straightforward finish meant for speed, not distance. Enjoy well chilled and as soon as possible."*

- AM, Robertparker.com

"Array of sun-kissed fruits on crisp 2022: melon, pineapple & nectarine, energised by vibrant acidity."

- FMCD, *John Platter's Guide to South African Wines*



Petit Pinotage 2021

CSPC# 790305

750mlx12

13.5% alc./vol.

Chemical Analysis	Acidity: 5.3 g/l	pH: 3.60	Residual Sugar: 2.3 g/l
Grape Variety	100% Pinotage		
Winemaker	Ken Forrester		
Info	The Petit Range is mainly from contracted vineyards that we manage from pruning to harvest, specifically sourced to suit a fruit forward profile, to offer soft, market ready, instantly pleasing easy everyday drinking wines.		
Vineyards	Region: Stellenbosch Aspect: Southeast-facing slopes		
Harvest	Harvested fully ripe at 25° Balling from blocks specifically selected for their fruity character. Cool fermented after a cold maceration on the skins and pressed off early before the development of hard tannins. Yield: 9 tons per hectare		
Vinification	Cool fermented after a cold maceration on the skins and pressed off early, before the development of hard tannins. This cheerfully Petit Pinotage reflects the modern fruit driven wine style that is in huge demand today.		
Tasting Notes	This cheerfully Petit Pinotage reflects the modern fruit driven wine style that is in huge demand today. Classic Pinotage aromas of spicy mulberries, plum pudding, and cherries, supported by smoky bacon nuances. Juicy and accessible with soft palate and delicious fruit concentration.		
Serve with	This cheerfully unwooded wine can be served with a generous slice of pizza or a barbeque, ideal for a 'braai'. Great with lamb. Perfect with almost any happy casual occasion!		
Production	10,000 cases made		
Scores/Awards	5 stars - Ultra Value Wines 2022 Silver Medal Winner - Ultra Value Wines 2022 3 stars (83 points) - Malu Lambert, John Platter's Guide to South African Wines, 2023		
Reviews	<i>"Super-fruity & juicy, 2021 is bright & cheerful, a plum & berry bonanza wrapped in soft tannins, finishing savoury. Stellenbosch WO"</i> - ML, wineonaplatter.com		



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% Chenin Blanc		
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 and 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	<i>"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."</i> - ML, wineonaplatter.com <i>"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."</i> - Decanter World Wine Awards		



Sauvignon Blanc Reserve 2022

CSPC# 790306

750mlx12

13.0% alc./vol.

Chemical Analysis	Acidity: 6.30 g/l	pH: 3.32	Residual Sugar: 2.2 g/l
Grape Variety	100% Sauvignon Blanc		
Sustainability	Sustainable farming. No herbicides or pesticides.		
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: Stellenbosch Soil: Combination of decomposed granite, "Koffieklip", Yellow Ferricrete, Red Ferricrete and White quartz Locality: North-East/South-West/North-South		
Harvest	Hand harvested. Yield: Between 4 and 9 t/ha		
Vinification	We always look for a hint of tropical ripeness, as well as a crisp clean backbone to carry the wine. To achieve this, grapes are hand-picked from 3 vineyards, approximately 300 miles apart. This gives three unique flavour profiles; all made separately and then blended straight after being drained off the lees. After crushing, pumped through mash-cooler straight to press for draining. Free-run juice settled and fermented separately from pressings. Extended lees contact after fermentation for about 8 weeks to increase "creamy" character. Juice/wine handled reductively throughout process.		
Tasting Notes	This wine shows lovely complexity with mix of tangy grassy notes, fig leaf, peach and nectarine nuances. Brisk acidity with minerality on the palate which is typical of the long hang time in our cool region.		
Serve with	Very good while preparing a meal or out on the patio. Ideal with fish, chicken and pasta and friends.		
Scores/Awards	86 points (4/5 stars) - Malu Lambert, John Platter's Guide to South African Wines, 2024		
Reviews	<i>"Free-run juice for mineral-toned tropicality on 2022 from Stellenbosch vines. Extended 8 weeks lees contact add cream to stony, flinty palate, shot through with green-apple acid."</i> - ML, John Platter's Guide to South African Wines		



Merlot Reserve Pat's Garden 2019

CSPC# 790308

750mlx12

13.5% alc./vol.

Chemical Analysis	Acidity: 5.80 g/l	pH: 3.52	Residual Sugar: 3.0 g/l
Grape Variety	68% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc, 14% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Petit Verdot		
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: Stellenbosch, Elim and Darling. Situated on the slopes of the Helderberg Mountain, in the heart of South Africa's most famous wine region Stellenbosch, our vineyards are commonly referred to as the Home of Chenin Blanc and other premium award-winning wines. The farm is 40 hectares and roughly 36 hectares of that is under vine. The following grape varieties are on the farm; Chenin Blanc, Sauvignon Blanc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz, Merlot, Grenache, Mourvedre, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. Region: Stellenbosch. Soil: Duplex with some clay – Kroonstad Aspect: south, south-west		
Harvest	Hand harvested in individual parcels and selected for quality to get the ripest possible, balanced Merlot from our very finest soils, influenced by the cool S/E wind during the ripening season. Yield: 8 tons per hectare		
Vinification	The wine was matured in selected French oak barrels for 12 months.		
Tasting Notes	Pat's Garden Merlot has always been a blend of predominantly Merlot with the addition of about 8%-12% Cabernet Franc. This 'blend' conveniently fell within the legal framework for a wine labelled as a single varietal wine ... <i>'all wine may be blended up to a maximum of 15%'</i> . We thought, why is the magic number 15%? So, we set about doing some exploration using 4 of the traditional Bordeaux grapes: Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Cabernet Sauvignon...The result? We present the new Pat's Garden Reserve! A <i>Bordeaux-inspired</i> blend, offering the best of the 5 noble varieties of Bordeaux in one delicious bottle.		
Serve with	Serve with meat dishes, grills and roast lamb.		



Renegade 2019

CSPC# 790309

750mlx12

14.5% alc./vol.

Chemical Analysis	Acidity: 5.8 g/l	pH: 3.46	Residual Sugar: 2.1 g/l
Grape Variety	63% Shiraz, 26% Grenache, 11% Mourvedre		
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: Western Cape Soil: Duplex soils, fine sandy loam on a clay base Trellised vineyard		
Harvest	Hand harvested. Yield: 8 tons per hectare		
Vinification	Fermented in open tanks with gentle extraction by pumping over and then pressed and racked into second and third fill French oak barrels for 18 months. This adds complexity and structure to the soft natural tannins.		
Tasting Notes	One of the very first Rhône style blends in South Africa. This elegant Rhône blend displays Old World Style with New World fruit. Hint of Grenache's earthy rusticity and Shiraz's noble spice with hints of nutmeg and salty black olive on the finish. Balanced with soft integrated tannins.		
Serve with	Serve with roasts, duckling, and full flavoured Mediterranean dishes as well as lamb or grilled meat and vegetables.		
Scores/Awards	88 points - Jessica Vargas, Wine Enthusiast - October 2023		
Reviews	<i>"Notes of licorice and cinnamon perfume the nose. The midpalate shows high acidity and mild raspberry and strawberry flavors. This medium-bodied Syrah-based blend features fine tannins and grassy notes in the finish."</i> - JV, WineEnthusiast.com		



The Gypsy 2017

CSPC# 743898

750mlx6

14.5% alc./vol.

Chemical Analysis	Acidity: 6.0 g/l	pH: 3.39	Residual Sugar: 3.2 g/l
Grape Variety	71% Grenache, 27% Syrah, 2% Mourvèdre		
Winemaker	Ken Forrester		
Info	Icon Range. Stand-alone parcels from single vineyards where we nurture and coax the vines and at harvest, we may pass through up to 6 times hand picking and selecting the bunches individually. Destined to be limited by provenance and finally after barrel aging, we only select the very best individual barrels to go into bottle, ensuring a unique superlative wine, justifiably the pinnacle of our efforts.		
Vineyards	Region: Western Cape Grenache vineyard planted in 2005. Bush vine with East West row direction. Soil is a sandy loam with distinctive coffee stone (koffieklip) spots and is 680m above sea level. Syrah component planted in 1999 East West row direction. Soil is a duplex soil with a weathered granite topsoil, followed by a clay layer that varies between 30 and 40cm		
Harvest	A hand-picked selection of the first ripest fruit. Yield: 2-3 tons/ha Grenache, 6 tons/ha Syrah		
Vinification	Taken to the cellar and cool soaked prior to fermentation, then taken to old French oak barrels for 12 months. At this point a further selection takes place before blending and the final blend goes back to old barrels to marry and harmonise over the following 12 months. After almost 2 years languishing in a cool cellar the Gypsy is stable with the oak and intense fruit totally harmonised.		
Tasting Notes	A very concentrated, focused blend with layers of deep fruit. The character is expectedly somewhat "wild" a little brambly with hints of nutmeg, cinnamon, dark spices, with vanilla scents and a distinct, concentrated red-fruit focus. Great for laying down and keeping for at least ten years but already rewarding if allowed to breathe in a decanter.		
Serve with	Deliciously matched with risotto, sensuously truffled pasta. Ideal for flavoursome grills, lamb, and beef.		
Scores/Awards	94 points (4 ½ stars) - Malu Lambert, <i>John Platter's Guide to South African Wines, 2023</i> 93 points - Tom Cannavan, <i>Winepages.com (score only)</i> - January 2023 91 points - Tim Atkin MW <i>Special South Africa Report 2022 - (score only)</i> 90 points - Neal Martin, <i>Vinous (score only)</i> - 2023		
Reviews	<i>"Characterful Rhône blend, mostly grenache & syrah (71/27), splash mourvèdre added in 2017, wild strawberry & berry compote, white pepper nuance, firm but smooth tannins. 2 years older oak add cinnamon & vanilla notes."</i> - PS, <i>John Platter's Guide to South African Wines</i>		



The FMC 2022 (Forrester Meinert Chenin)

CSPC# 790310

750mlx6

13.0% alc./vol.

We conceptualized a wine with personality, something unique, even slightly off the wall! Our soils are decomposed granite, essentially sandy, so we were looking to focus on a structure showing minerality, complexity, as well as concentration and balance. We are proud to have created such a wine, an individual wine with the mannerisms of a ballet dancing rugby player, brute force, finesse and yes: balance.

Chemical Analysis	Acidity: 6.4 g/l	pH: 3.35	Residual Sugar: 7.9 g/l
Grape Variety	100% Chenin Blanc		
Sustainability	Sustainable farming. No herbicides or pesticides.		
Winemaker	In 1994, with most of the vineyard planted to Chenin Blanc it was decided to enlist the help of good friend and Top Winemaker, Martin Meinert, with the quest to produce Chenin Blanc that could rival any white wine in the world.		
Info	Icon Range. Stand-alone parcels from single vineyards where we nurture and coax the vines and at harvest, we may pass through up to 6 times hand picking and selecting the bunches individually. Destined to be limited by provenance and finally after barrel aging, we only select the very best individual barrels to go into bottle, ensuring a unique superlative wine, justifiably the pinnacle of our efforts.		
Vineyards	The farm is 40 hectares and roughly 36 hectares of that is under vine. The following grape varieties are on the farm; Chenin Blanc, Sauvignon Blanc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz, Merlot, Grenache, Mourvedre, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. Soil: Duplex soils, sandy material on a Ferricrete bank on patches of deeper clay. Aspect: south-south-west		
Harvest	Primarily from a vineyard planted in 1974, with no trellis system, hence “goblet” or bush vines. This vineyard produces very limited yields and by passing through the vineyard to make 7-8 selections of fruit across a 4/5-week window, we truly capture the essence of this fantastic site. 3 tons per hectare		
Vinification	The wine is all fermented with native yeasts, spontaneously in large 400 litre French oak barrels and aged for 10-12 months, before careful selection of the best barrels and assemblage.		
Tasting Notes	The pinnacle of what we consider to be the finest expression of the grapes of this varietal – an icon chenin, a challenge to the world! Rich, layered with dried apricot, vanilla, and honey. Will gain additional complexity with cellaring. Will gain additional complexity with cellaring.		
Serve with	Enjoy with special friends as an exciting aperitif or with spiced dishes, even mild seafood/shellfish, or curries. Great with exotic Eastern spiced foods.		
Scores/Awards	97 points (5 stars) - Malu Lambert, John Platter’s Guide to South African Wines, 2024 96 points - Decanter Magazine - November 2023 95 points - Neal Martin, Vinous - 2023 93 points - Tim Atkin MW (score only) - March 2023 Bronze Medal - International Wine & Spirits Competition 2023		
Reviews	<i>“Internationally celebrated chenin, mostly 1974 low-yield Stellenbosch vines, naturally fermented, 10-12 months in oak, then barrel selected. 2022 brilliantly combines & balances fruit richness, minerality, acid & sugar (6.4 g/L, 7.9 g/L) to express a sense of place. Trumps excellent 2021 (4.5 stars, 93 pts) with exquisite, poised dryness, fine typicity.”</i> - ML, John Platter’s Guide to South African Wines		



“A stalwart of the top end of South Africa’s Chenin scene for 20 years, FMC – from mostly 50-year-old bush vines – is a fine beast indeed. Bright, fresh white peach and pineapple flavours, layered by sweetly comforting vanilla cream from the barrel-fermentation. It’s plushy succulent, but retains brightness, elegance, and purity.”
- Decanter Magazine

“The 2022 The FMC underwent 15 pickings over 40 days in this vintage, fermented and aged in 400L French oak barrels, about 40% new, for up to 12 months. This has an intriguing bouquet with a subtle reduction, scents of cooking apple, flint and light grilled hazelnut aromas blossoming with aeration. The palate is where it’s at...wonderful balance and a killer line of acidity. There is a disarming purity of fruit: white peach and

orange pith notes, a touch of bitter lemon effortlessly counterbalancing its natural richness and weight, leaving it fresh yet substantial. This FMC is one of the best that I have tasted."

- NM, Vinous

"Ken Forrester Wines The FMC is a premium Chenin Blanc wine produced by Ken Forrester Vineyards in Stellenbosch, South Africa. The FMC stands for "Forrester Meinert Chenin", named after the winemaking partnership between Ken Forrester and Martin Meinert. This wine is made from old vines of Chenin Blanc, which are known for producing high-quality and intense flavours. The FMC is a complex and richly textured wine that exudes aromas of apricot, honey, and roasted almonds. On the palate, it boasts flavours of ripe tropical fruit, vanilla, and a subtle hint of oak. The FMC is highly rated and recognized as one of the best Chenin Blanc wines in the world."

- Tim Atkin MW

Jackalberry Jenever Gin

CSPC# 100251

6x750ml

43.0% alc./vol.

CSPC# 893592

12x750ml

43.0% alc./vol.

Winemaker Ken Forrester

About Indigenous Botanical Gin

Genever (Jenever), sometimes known as Dutch gin, is the ancestor of modern gin types. Like gin, it's flavored with juniper berries (or in other parts of the world, with indigenous berries).

Genever comes in two styles: *oude* (old) and *jonge* (young). These names refer to different production styles: oude genever is made from Dutch maltwine, while the lighter jonge genever is typically made from grain spirit or sugar-based alcohol.

Vineyards This magnificent indigenous Jackalberry tree that thrives in the Bushveld Savannah is known as "African Ebony".

We hear that the wood is highly prized for furniture and even boats – but we harvest just the natural fruit, once a year and we use this magical fruit which is a seasonal treat for many animals including Jackals (obviously) as well as many species of antelope, baboons, monkeys, and tree squirrels. In fact, the floor of the tree beneath the verdant canopy is a veritable meeting place of the animals eager to snack on this delicious healthy fruit, whilst the birds like parrot, hornbill, and Grey Loerie get first choice up high.

We've infused this wild grown, health-giving fruit with gin botanicals and the finest spirit.

We hope you enjoy this opportunity to share some of nature's wonderful bounty with all the animals and birds and your very best friends!

Serve with The original and unique flavors of Genever enable bartenders to work with the authentic flavours of the past and to recreate the true classic cocktails as they were meant to taste – The Original Collins, for example – or invent new, well-balanced contemporary cocktails.

Cocktail Recipes <https://cocktailpartyapp.com/ingredients/genever/>


