



Stats

Grapes: 100% Chenin Blanc
Vineyard: Bosgaasfontein
(Paardeberg)
Vine Age: 52-years-old
Soil Type: Decomposed granite
Viticulture: Practicing organic
Fermentation: Native — stainless-
steel (whole berry, de-stemmed)
Skin Contact: 14 days
Aging: 11 months in used, 3000L
foudres
Alcohol: 13%
pH: 3.54
Total Acidity: 5.4 g/L
Total SO2: 6 ppm

Reviews

James Suckling | 94 points
The WineMag | 94 points

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'SKIN'

Chenin Blanc | *Swartland - South Africa*



NATURAL



ORGANIC



VEGAN

About

'Skin' is the wine that started it all; it was Craig and Carla's first wine in 2008, inspired by a skin macerated Vermentino from Antonio Perrino during a trip to Italy. The wine has come a long way and each year provides with new flavors. They have toned down on the extraction and have now stopped experimenting as much as they used to, finding the wine's sweet spot in terms of skin contact and the balance of flavors they're looking for. Overall, they've reduced the length of time they leave the wines on the skin as the goal here is to find elegance and focus within this particular style.

The grapes were hand harvested and de-stemmed before fermenting spontaneously as whole berries in open-top stainless steel tanks. After 14 days, the wine was pressed off the skins and sent to an old 3000L foudre. After 11 months, the wine was blended & bottled with a gentle filtration and very tiny sulfur addition. No fining.

Tasting Notes

This skin-contact Chenin Blanc is bold, vibrant, and layered with punchy citrus, preserved lemon, and warm apricot, rounded out by a hint of white flowers. Complex, alive, and full of character.