



## Stats

**Grapes:** 100% Chenin Blanc  
**Vineyard:** Bosgaasfontein (Paardeberg)  
**Vine Age:** 53-years-old  
**Soil Type:** Decomposed granite  
**Viticulture:** Practicing organic  
**Fermentation:** Native — stainless-steel (whole berry, de-stemmed)  
**Skin Contact:** 14 days  
**Aging:** 12 months in used, 3000L foudres  
**Alcohol:** 11.5%  
**pH:** 3.5  
**Total Acidity:** 5 g/L  
**Total SO2:** 25 ppm  
**Total Production:** 292 cases

## Reviews

James Suckling | 94 points  
The WineMag | 95 points

## Testalonga

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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 12 months, the wine was blended & bottled with a gentle filtration and very tiny sulfur addition. No fining.

## Tasting Notes

This skin-contact Chenin is bright and lifted, with zesty citrus, a touch of preserved lemon, and fresh apricot. Light florals add clarity to the round mid-palate, and a slight grip lingers on the finish. Energetic, nuanced, and refreshing.

