



Alheit Vineyards

Alheit Vineyards Huilkrans is a rich and compelling single-origin Chenin Blanc, showcasing the profound depth and power of the Skurfborg terroir, balanced by vibrant freshness and energy.



Huilkrans Chenin Blanc 2023

, South Africa

Region and Vineyards

Huilkrans originates from the **Oudam farm** in the Citrusdal Mountain appellation, also known as **Skurfborg**. This remote and exceptional site is characterized by its **deep red sand over red clay soils**, low rainfall, and isolation in the mountains. The vines are planted on a **gentle southern slope at 450 meters above sea level**, fostering a cooler microclimate that enhances aromatic complexity.

The **old bush vines**, planted between 1974 and 1989, are **low-density and dry-farmed**, producing tiny yields of approximately **1.5 tons per hectare**. This challenging yet rewarding terroir allows the wine to express a unique balance of richness and precision.

Winemaking

The grapes for Huilkrans were **hand-sorted and whole-bunch pressed**, with the juice left intentionally cloudy. The juice underwent **wild fermentation in large foudres and old barrels** of various sizes, primarily 400 liters. This natural fermentation lasted about one month, highlighting the purity of the fruit.

The wine was aged on its lees for approximately **12 months**, followed by a further **six months in tanks on fine lees**, without fining or unnecessary intervention. This minimalist approach results in a wine of remarkable depth and energy, true to its origins.

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Pale golden yellow with brilliant clarity.
- **Aroma:** Bright citrus juice and blossom dominate, with layers of salty spice and a hint of minerality.
- **Palate:** Full and fresh, the wine exhibits plenty of power without excess weight. It finishes with a burst of energy, leaving a confident and vibrant impression.

Alcohol :13,13 %

Composition: 100% Chenin Blanc



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Did you know?

The name **Huilkrans**, meaning "weeping cliff," refers to a natural feature on the Oudam farm that appears to weep during rain. Following the untimely passing of Kallie Visser, son of the farm's owners, the name took on a poignant double meaning. The wine's label pays homage to Kallie's memory.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Lemon herb grilled chicken:** The citrus and herbal notes complement the wine's vibrant acidity and salty finish.
- **Seafood risotto with saffron:** The wine's freshness and complexity enhance the delicate flavors of seafood and the richness of saffron.
- **Goat cheese and arugula tart:** The wine's bright citrus and savory edge balance the creamy, tangy cheese and peppery greens.
- **Roasted pork loin with apple compote:** The richness of the pork and the sweetness of apples harmonize with the wine's depth and energy.



Robert Parker (RP) : 94 Points (2022)

Displaying a delightful rusticity in the glass, the 2022 Huilkrans offers notes of dusty lemon peel with ripe citrus blossoms before wafting with petrichor and spiced peach skin aromas. Medium-bodied, the wine opens up on the palate, revealing seductive flavors of spiced white tea with pleasing dusty and savory notes. Just under 4,000 bottles were produced after resting in a mix of foudre and old barrels.



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