



Glen Carlou

Glen Carlou The Collection Chenin Blanc is a multifaceted and distinctive white wine that captures the essence of old bush vine Chenin Blanc from the Swartland region. This wine is part of Glen Carlou's Collection series, which highlights characterful and unique wines made with minimal intervention to showcase their terroir.



Alcohol :13,00 %

Composition: 100% Chenin Blanc

The Collection Chenin Blanc 2021

Swartland, South Africa

Region and Vineyards

Glen Carlou is located in the Simonsberg-Paarl region of South Africa's Western Cape. The estate spans 145 hectares, with vineyard blocks featuring a variety of slopes and aspects, each cultivated to respect the natural cycles of the vines.

The grapes for this Chenin Blanc are sourced from 60-year-old bush vines in the Swartland region, known for its dryland conditions and complex shale/schist soils. These conditions contribute to deeply flavored and distinctive fruit, ideal for producing high-quality Chenin Blanc.

Winemaking Process

The winemaking process for Glen Carlou The Collection Chenin Blanc 2021 emphasizes minimal intervention, allowing the wine to develop naturally. The grapes are handpicked, hand-sorted, and whole-bunch pressed, with only the first 55% of free-run juice used.

The settled juice ferments naturally in second-fill French oak barriques for four months and is kept on its gross lees throughout. This approach enhances the wine's texture and complexity, allowing it to fully express its unique characteristics.

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Bright, clear straw-yellow.
- **Aroma:** The nose is abundant with layered aromas of stone fruit, fynbos (a type of local vegetation), jasmine, and marzipan.
- **Palate:** On the palate, the wine is evocative and full-bodied, with leading flavors of tangerine and mandarin. It has a slight tautness, complemented by an underlying oak dimension, leading to a long, flavorsome finish.



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Wine Pairing Ideas

This Chenin Blanc pairs beautifully with a variety of dishes, including:

- Seafood dishes like grilled prawns or seared scallops.
- Poultry dishes such as roast chicken or turkey.
- Creamy pasta dishes like Alfredo or carbonara.
- Soft cheeses such as brie or camembert.

Fun Fact

The Swartland region, where the grapes for this Chenin Blanc are sourced, is renowned for its dry-farmed old bush vines, which produce grapes with intense flavors and a distinctive sense of place. This method of farming, combined with the region's unique soil composition, contributes significantly to the wine's complexity and depth.



Robert Parker (RP) : 91 Points (2021)

Opening with an herbal nose, the 2021 The Collection Chenin Blanc offers aromas of wild brush, dusty lemon skin and sweet citrus. Medium-bodied, the palate compresses to show soft oak tones that reveal a delicate complexity before expressing a fine, stony minerality alongside succulent acidity. The wine continues to uncoil, swaying back with herbal essences, soft oak spices and bright lemon skin flavors over the lingering and spicy finish. This was made with primarily free-run juice from handpicked and hand-sorted Chenin Blanc. Give it a try. 1,200 bottles produced.

