

This wine blends chenin blanc from old bushvine parcels on three farms on the slopes of the Skurfberg – rugged mountains between Clanwilliam and Lamberts Bay in the Olifantsrivier Region. They are immaculately farmed properties, which have not been subjected to herbicide or chemical fertilisers by the current farmers: Basie Van Lill of Arbeidseind, Henk Laing of Trekpoort and Jozua Visser of Ou Dam. Most of the soils in the area are of decomposed sandstone, and very sandy. Rainfall is low – these vines have had to be tough to survive without irrigation.

Together the three low-yielding parcels represent the possibilities of the area, each offering something unique to the complexity of the whole. The one site has huge and aromatic fruit concentration; the second offers an earthy character and minerality, and the third (the highest, and closest to the Atlantic) retains acidity and freshness amazingly.

The three parcels of fruit were vinified separately, and blended after 12 months, before ageing another six months in old casks before bottling.



**H**ierdie is 'n chenin blanc-versnit van Hou bosstokke wat op drie Skurfbergplase (tussen Clanwilliam en Lambertsbaai in die Olifantsriviergebied) voorkom: Basie van Lill se plaas Arbeidseind; Henk Laing se Trekpoort en Jozua Visser se plaas Ou Dam. Die wingerde is uitstekend versorg en vry van onkruidododer en chemiese spuitstowwe en staan met hulle voete in verweerde sandsteen. Die bosstokke is geharde ou manne wat geleer het om met min reën klaar te kom.

*Hierdie drie lae-produksiewingerde verteenwoordig die moontlikhede van die area en elkeen dra iets uniek by tot die kompleksiteit van die versnit. Waar die een verantwoordelik is vir 'n aromatiese vrugkonsentrasie, bring die volgende 'n minerale grondkarakter; en die derde (die hoogliggendste en naaste aan die Atlantiese Oseaan) is verantwoordelik vir die wyn se merkwaardige vrugtigheid en vaste suur wat bydra tot sy verouderingspotensiaal.*

*Die drie wingerdblokke is apart gepres en gegis en eers na 12 maande saamgevoeg. Bottelering was gedoen na 'n verdere veroudering van 6 maande in gebruikte vate.*

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