

# J. Joostenberg



## JOOSTENBERG ESTATE "DIE AGTEROS" CHENIN BLANC 2016

Named after an old Afrikaans saying "agteros kom ook in die kraal" (translated as "the hind ox also gets there"), meaning "patience and persistence will be rewarded". In the old days, when teams of oxen were used to pull farm implements, the youngest and least experienced ox in the team was positioned at the back. Over the years as he got stronger and more skilled he worked his way to the front. The grapes used to make this wine came from the oldest vineyards on the farm. These lovingly tended vineyards, under-valued in their youth, bore fruit for many years before their real potential was realized.



### VINEYARDS

In order to optimize the influence of terroir the vineyards were managed according to organic principles and were dry-farmed.

Two vineyards were used. Planted in 1982 and 1989.

Both situated on the Joostenberg estate.



### WINE ANALYSIS

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| <b>Alc:</b> | 13.5%   |
| <b>RS:</b>  | 3.1 g/l |
| <b>TA:</b>  | 4.6 g/l |
| <b>pH:</b>  | 3.55    |



### VINIFICATION

Hand-picked and whole-bunch pressed. Spontaneous fermentation in old barrels (50%) and concrete "eggs" (50%).

Maturation for 10 months, on the lees, in the same containers.

Full malolactic fermentation occurred.

The wine was subjected to minimal stabilization and filtration.



### VARIETIES

**Chenin Blanc** 100%



### TASTING NOTES

A complex array of aromas and flavours. Hints of baked apple, honey and flint stone. The palate is rich, yet elegant and is marked by a subtle, creamy texture.