

# LEOPARD FROG vineyards

Couture Cape Wines from Stellenbosch, South Africa



# **SPELLBINDING CHENIN BLANC** Proprietor's Limited Release

Spellbinding Chenin Blanc celebrates the renaissance of a varietal which has been grown in South Africa for over 350 years. By accentuating the finest New World attributes of this Old World grape, Spellbinding Chenin Blanc delivers a luscious and luxurious lifestyle experience sure to please all the senses in the most enchanting ways. A highly allocated offering of 5 barrels only.

## Winemaker's Notes

Wine of Origin	Stellenbosch
Vintage	Once-off blend of 2006 to 2009 varietals
Age of Vines	17 to 20 years
Winemaker	David John Bate
Production	5 barrels
Bottle Size	750 ml
Yield	5 t/ha
∘Balling/Harvest	Average 23.5 û
Alcohol	13.2 %/vol
Residual Sugar	4.3 g/l
ТА	6.4 g/l
VA	0.5 g/l
FSO <sub>2</sub>	37 mg/l
рН	3.26
Selection	Vin de goutte (made entirely of free run juice)
Maturation	Wild yeast fermentation followed by 9 month barrel maturation in second and third fill wood of predominantly French origin (Allier and Nevers) of medium plus toast followed by 9 month bottle aging prior to release
UPC	6009800287394 (individual bottle)
SCC	06009812400866 (case of 12 bottles)

## **Tasting Notes**

## Appearance

Shades of sunshine and hues of green apple echo the fresh promise of an early African sunrise. Clear, brilliant lustre and luminosity with long legs indicative of high extract foreshadow a refreshing, extroverted wine that invites immediate interest.

#### Nose

Alluring aromas of tropical fruits from a dew-dropped African orchard with supple scents of freshly cut grass from a breeze-stroked African meadow in a large yet nuanced nose. Undertones of vanilla allude to subtle yet significant oak pedigree.

#### Taste

Flirtatious flavours of peaches and apricots mingle with hedonistic hints of honeydews and nectarines in a crisp and firm opening that yields to softer, more subtle mid-palate undertones of green apples, papayas and green peppers. Luscious lemon lime and citrus sensations tempered by whispers of honey and vanilla deliver a spellbinding farewell that leaves you wanting more.