



UNCORKED Wines of South Africa BY THE SEA



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2022 Noble Hill Sur Lie Chenin Blanc-Simonsberg, S. Africa

Noble Hill is an organic estate grower on the slopes of the Simonsberg mountains. The old-vine Chenin Blanc is planted in a hidden crook overlooking the valley and grows with minimal intervention. In 2016 we established a new Chenin Blanc vineyard high on the slopes of the Simonsberg. Grapes from these two sites balance each other and give the wine depth and complexity. We use unique large-format concrete vessels to ferment and mature our Chenin Blanc. These concrete vessels allow the wine to develop nuance and complexity without imparting oak flavor. The wine is fermented with wild yeast populations and left on the fine lees for 9 months with regular stirring to develop fullness and depth. The name “Sur Lie” refers to this extended lees ageing. A small portion of the wine is left for extended aging on the skins in clay amphorae. This skin contact gives the overall blend an unctuous and layered flavor. This 100 %Chenin Blanc opens with aromas of fresh lime blossom, honeydew melon, and green apple. The aromas are balanced by delicate mineral flavors derived from the rocky slopes of the Simonsberg mountains where the wine is grown. 91 PTS Tim Atkins

Pairings: This wine pairs well with seafood, such as lobster, white crabmeat, scallops, shrimp, and prawns. Try it with poultry, such as chicken, turkey, quail, and game hen. It also pairs well with pork and tuna.

2023 De Wetshof Limestone Hill Chardonnay- Robertson, S. Africa

Within the Breede River Valley in South Africa, Robertson is a warm and dry winegrowing region notable for its white wines. Millions of years ago, termite colonies built nests in the Robertson Valley of South Africa. Over time these piles became calcified making for high limestone content in the soils of the Breede River Valley. De Wetshof, the first registered wine estate in the Robertson Wine Valley, has earned international acclaim as South Africa's eminent Chardonnay House. The De Wet family's winemaking heritage dates back to 1694 when the first De Wets arrived at the Cape. Today, brothers Johann (CEO) and Peter (CFO) continues this legacy. This 2023 De Wetshof Chardonnay Limestone Hill is a full-bodied white wine from the Robertson region of South Africa. It has aromas of ripe citrus, white peach, and honey, with a hint of toasted oak. On the palate, it has a creamy texture with flavors of ripe stone fruit, lemon zest, and a hint of minerality. The finish is long and balanced, with a lingering hint of oak. 91 PTS WA

Pairings: Limestone Hill Chardonnay is superb with oysters, cream-based pasta dishes and light curries, as well as roast pork and veal dishes. A perfect match for seafood and salads.