

# THE WINES

## METZER FAMILY “MONTANE” CHENIN BLANC 2022



### VARIETAL:

100% Chenin blanc. A single-vineyard wine from a bush vine parcel planted in 1964. The vineyard is situated on the foothills of the Helderberg West Peak.

### VINIFICATION:

This Chenin Blanc has been fermented and aged as naturally as possible, without intervention and in search of an authentic reflection of its origin.

The grapes were handpicked in the early morning hours to preserve fruit integrity. The grapes were then gently pressed after a brief period of skin contact.

The juice was settled overnight without the use of settling enzymes and from here it was fed directly to seasoned French oak barrels where fermentation occurred spontaneously. The wine was aged on its lees in barrel for 10 months, with no batonage. The wine was bottled after a coarse filtration in December 2022.

### TASTING NOTES:

The wine offers an understated bouquet that unfolds delicately in the glass, with hints of apple, hay and ginger spice. The palate is well balanced and offers more of a textural experience than overt flavors. It has a vibrant mineral core with a touch of citrus on the finish leaving a slight tannic grip after the wine has departed.

### AGING POTENTIAL:

The wine delivers immediate drinking pleasure but will gain in complexity with further cellaring. Optimum drinking : 2023 - 2030 (8° C).

### ANALYSIS:

Alcohol: 13.1%  
T/A: 5.2 g/l  
pH: 3.38  
R/S: 1.4 g/l  
Sulphites: 68 mg/l

ACCOLADES: 97 Tim Atkin