

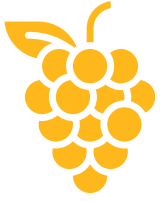


SOUTH AFRICA WINE

discover diversity in a glass

CHENIN BLANC

HISTORY OF CHENIN BLANC IN SOUTH AFRICA



845

The first reference to Chenin Blanc under the name of "plant d'Anjou", was written by Charles le Chauve.



1655

Chenin Blanc is believed to be amongst the first vine cuttings that arrived in South Africa in 1655 during the time of Governor Jan van Riebeeck.



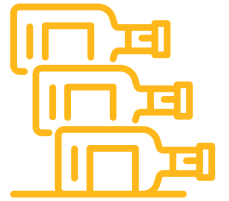
1659

Under the watchful eye of Jan van Riebeeck, on 2 February 1659 the first grapes from three young vines were pressed.



1942

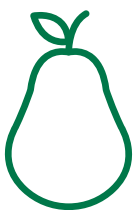
The oldest Chenin Blanc vineyard block in South Africa was planted in 1942.



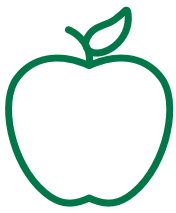
2024

On 2 February 2024, we celebrated the 365th birthday of the South African wine industry and Chenin Blanc's role in it.

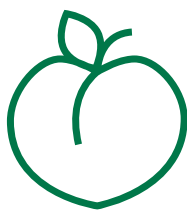
SOUTH AFRICAN CHENIN BLANC FLAVOUR PROFILE



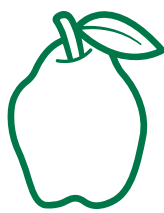
PEAR



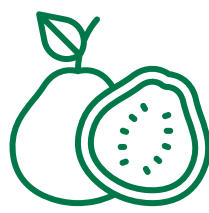
YELLOW APPLE



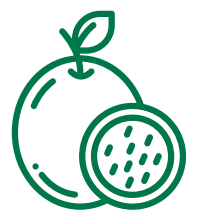
PEACH



QUINCE



GUAVA



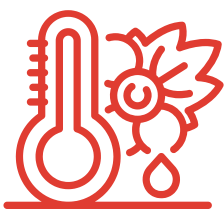
PASSIONFRUIT

SOUTH AFRICAN CHENIN BLANC: THE NUMBERS



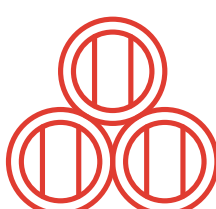
16 192 ha

The area under vine in South Africa of Chenin Blanc (2023). It is the most planted grape in the country.



7-12 °C

Ranging in flavour profiles from unoaked Chenin Blanc best served at 7 °C, while oaked Chenin Blanc wines are better served at 12 °C.



10+ years

Chenin Blanc's acidity allows it the ability to age very well. Chenin Blanc wines are able to be aged for over a decade.



14.5 %

Many South African Chenin Blanc wines fall within the 12 to 14.5 % alcohol by volume bracket.



52 %

More than half of the old vines in South Africa are Chenin Blanc.

CHENIN BLANC IN THE WORLD

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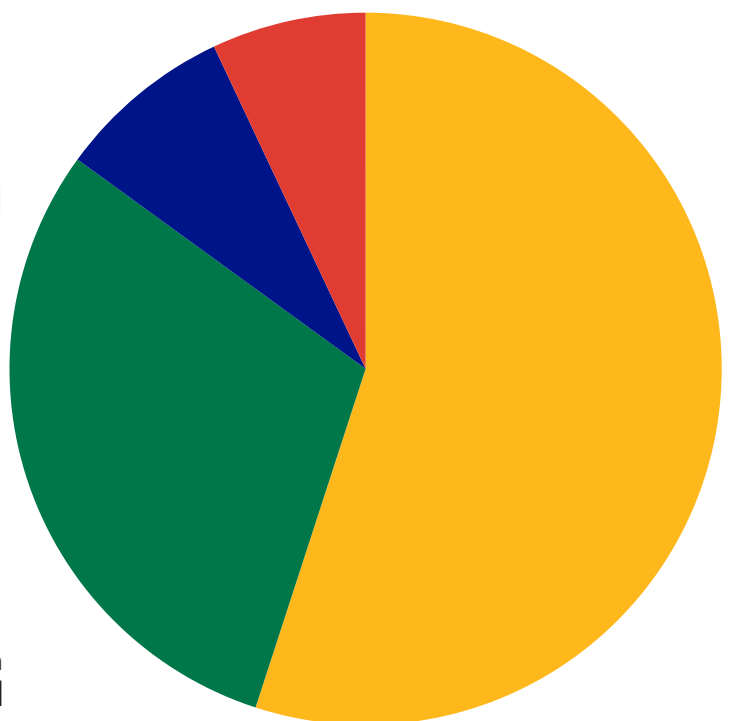
South Africa is the largest producer of Chenin Blanc, accounting for more than half the global production.

7 366 894

Number of individual Chenin Blanc old vines planted in South Africa comprising 2 475 ha.

COUNTRIES WHERE CHENIN BLANC IS GROWN

■ South Africa ■ France ■ USA ■ Other



1520-1535

A white grape known as Plant d'Anjou was first planted between 1520-1535 at a site known as Mont Chenin in the Loire.

45,9mil litres

Chenin Blanc is South Africa's second largest export cultivar. In 2023 our wineries exported 45,9 million litres worth R1,2 billion.

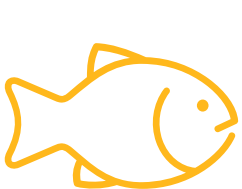
Steen

Initially identified as Steen in South Africa the varietal in question was later determined to be Chenin Blanc from the Loire. Steen was also misidentified as a Palomino mutation.

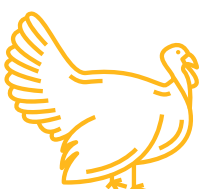
Versatile

Chenin Blanc is an extremely versatile varietal and is used in South Africa in the production of brandy, as well as blended and single varietal wines.

RECOMMENDED CHENIN BLANC FOOD PAIRINGS



TROUT, HALIBUT & SMOKED SALMON



TURKEY & CHICKEN



APPLE, QUINCE & PEAR



PORK, VEAL & GUINEA FOWL



SPICES & HERBS



SOFT COW MILK CHEESES