



ANNO 1720

# DE GRENDEL

WINES

## Sauvignon Blanc 2014



### VINTAGE

The 2014 growing season will be remembered for consecutive rain showers around every fortnight. Due to this good water reserve in the soil the growth was quite substantial, which in return was responsible for the extra work in the vineyards in the form of leaf and shoot plugging.

The 2014 crop was on average 20% higher in the Durbanville region due to the good rain showers and a lack of wind in the flowering period. From veraison onwards it was a normal ripening year with short heat spikes, but luckily due to our proximity to the ocean playing a moderate role, it ended up being a well-balanced vintage.

### VINEYARDS

The De Grendel vineyards are situated 7 kilometres from the Atlantic Ocean, growing on slopes 200 meters above sea level. Crop levels on Sauvignon Blanc is  $\pm$  7.5 tons per hectare.

### SOIL TYPE

Well drained broken shale.

### VINIFICATION

Satellite images were used to classify the vineyards according to growing patterns. Picking times were established based on analysis, phenolic ripeness and flavor compositions. 9 Lots were vinified individually and blended afterwards to ensure complexity and depth.

All fruit was handpicked in the early morning and received skin contact according to ripeness and chemical composition. Only 600L per ton was recovered. Three days of settling, racking and inoculation with selected yeast cultures followed. Fermentation lasted between 14 and 22 days at  $\pm$ 13 °C and 100 days of full lees contact followed to ensure richness and a rounder mouth feel.

This wine has a bright green hue and has abundant tropical fruit flavours of passion fruit, grapefruit and guava on the nose. The fruit follows through on the palate, giving it richness and resulting in full well balanced mouth feel that ends with a crisp dry acidity.

### ANALYSIS

Residual Sugar:	2.00 g/l
pH:	3.35
Total Acidity:	5.90 g/l
Alcohol:	12.8 vol%

### FOOD COMPLEMENTS

A great summer cooler!

### AGING POTENTIAL

Drink now or within the next three years.