



GRAHAM BECK
WINES

BOWED HEAD CHENIN BLANC 2011



Bowed Head refers to the unmistakable contours the body assumes when tending old bush vines, knees on the ground and head bowed over – a task requiring appropriate respect and due reverence for such venerable vines. The fruit for this stellar 100% Chenin Blanc was sourced from our finest low yielding, mature (around 50 years) bush vines planted on undulating hills exposed to south-easterly winds, rain and plenty of sunshine. Bowed Head is unquestionably one of the country's finest expressions of a wooded Chenin Blanc.

VARIETY: 100% Chenin Blanc

VINTAGE: 2011

AREA OF ORIGIN: Paarl, South Africa.

VINEYARD; Low yielding, 42 – 48 year old bush vines on the rolling hills of Paarl, exposed to south eastern winds, rain and lots of sunshine. Dryland vineyards planted on very deep soils.

HARVEST DETAILS & VINIFICATION:

The grapes were left to ripen fully to ensure the development of the rich and ripe flavours of Chenin Blanc and for complexity. Barrel fermented and matured for 9 months in a combination of 1st – 3rd fill 400 li French oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES: Broad and appealing with concentrated whiffs of apricot and white peaches, preserved quince, honeysuckle and ripe pineapple flavours on the nose. A full and creamy palate with layers of ripe tropical fruit and delicate hints of spice and almonds complemented by a long clean and crisp citrus aftertaste.

SERVING: Good match for Alfresco lunches, also great with grilled chicken or fish, rich pasta dishes and spicy food.

ANALYSIS: Residual Sugar: 4.00 g/l (± 0.5 g/l)
Alcohol: 13.93 % vol (± 0.2 % vol)
Total Acid: 6.40 g/l (± 0.25 g/l)
pH: 3.40 (± 0.05)