



# SAVAGE



## NEVER BEEN ASKED TO DANCE 2022

### VARIETAL

Chenin blanc

### ANALYSIS

Alc. 13.6% Vol | RS 1.8 g/l | pH 3.28 | TA 6.2 g/l

### ORIGIN

Paarl

### VINEYARD

Chenin blanc planted in 1956 on the border of Paarl and Stellenbosch along the N1. Dry farmed bush vines on a gentle South facing decomposed granite slope.

### VINIFICATION

The old planting material is prone to very tight bunches, intense vineyard sorting is required when picking. Grapes are cooled overnight and whole bunch pressed in an oxidative manner. Natural fermentation and malolactic fermentation takes place in older 600L Stockinger barrels where the wine ages for a further 10 months before bottling.

### TASTING NOTES

2022 was a challenging and hot vintage. Fortunately for us the vineyard has been improving with all the love and care over the years and we have seen more balance in the canopy and crop. The vines generally show so much more vitality year after year. Only perfect bunches were picked and processed. Granitic soils allow for a natural freshness and grip in the wines with characteristic pineapple pastille, apple, oatmeal and fynbos flavours. The vintage shows the typical saline core and purity we have come to expect from this old girl. Never Been Asked to Dance drinks well young but will reward for many years to come.