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Since its launch more than a decade ago Ernie Els Wines has established a magnificent portfolio of South African red wines, housed under three separate brands to offer quality wines for everyone at various different price-points. Ernie himself is passionate about wine and is very much involved in the tasting process. In partnership with experienced winemaker Louis Strydom their shared passion for wine is reflected in the quality of the

Ernie Els Big Easy White 2024

CSPC# 748655 **12x750ml** **13.5% alc./vol.**

Chemical Analysis Acidity 5.5 g/l pH: 3.34 Residual Sugar 1.4 g/l

Grape Variety *100% Chenin Blanc*



Vintage The 2024 vintage will be marked by the resilience of our vines through a season of contrasts. Heavy winter rainfall left the soil well-watered, providing a solid start to the growing season. However, strong winds during flowering posed a challenge, affecting the main shoots and resulting in a reduced fruit set. Despite these setbacks, the remainder of the season brought dry conditions that allowed the vines to recover and thrive. Though overall production was the lowest in the past 15 years, this scarcity bodes well for exceptional quality, promising a standout vintage in 2024. The Chenin Blanc was hand-harvested from vineyards nestled in the heart of the Golden Triangle within the Helderberg region of Stellenbosch. The high-potential soils support vibrant canopies, allowing the fruit to ripen fully before the peak summer heat. Two vineyard blocks contribute to this wine: the first, a 13-year-old block at 131 metres above sea level, cultivated on a VSP system, imparts fresh and fruity characteristics. The second, a 40- year-old block situated at an elevation of 380 metres, benefits from cooler conditions, lending the wine mature, straw-like notes and a lasting complexity on the palate, enhancing its overall mouthfeel.

Vineyards The Chenin Blanc grapes were harvested from individually-selected, low-yielding bush and trellised wines from the Perdeberg region near Paarl.

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Maturation The grapes were hand harvested in the early hours of the morning, before sorting, destemming and crushing took place. The juice was settled overnight to allow the sediment to drop. The clear juice was then racked off the next day before fermentation in stainless steel tanks could take place. Post fermentation lees contact was maintained for three months, before racking and stabilisation prior to bottling. This wine was crafted in a fresh style without any oak component.

Tasting Notes Crisp apple and lemony freshness meets island aromatics of juicy mango, fresh pineapple and crushed limes. Vibrantly tropical, the palate is smooth and rounded with limy concentration and delectable fruit weight on the mid. A fine skein of acidity envelops the core of complex fruit and is sewn up beautifully dry for extra refreshment

Serve with Appetizers, Indian Cuisine, Pasta Alfredo, Seafood, Camembert, Cheddar & Gruyere cheese.
Asian fare like sweet and sour pork, pad thai, and Peking duck. Pork Chops, Savoury Soufflé, Light pasta dishes.

Cellaring Rather opulent and powerful now, the Big Easy Chenin Blanc will ease into its swing over the next 2 years.

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