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## Rudera Wines Chenin Blanc 2005



### Product Information:

Appellation:	Stellenbosch, South Africa
Soils:	Broken Shale
Yield:	5.7 tons/ha on average
Residual Sugar:	3.5 g/l
pH:	3.15
T.A:	7.1 g/l
Alc:	13.5%
Closure:	Cork
Winemaker:	Teddy Hall

### Winemakers Notes:

These Chenin Blanc vineyards are situated on a cool slope in the prime Koelenhof and Faure area of Stellenbosch. The bush vines were planted on broken shale between 1977 and 1986, and are fully mature. Canopy management of the vines ensured natural high acidity and full flavour concentration. No irrigation is available. The grapes were hand-picked in the early morning from old bush vines at between 23.9° and 25.7° Balling. The yield was 5.7 (29.8 hl/ha - only free-run juice used) tons per hectare with acids above 8.5 g/l and pHs generally below 3.1. The grapes were lightly crushed and the free-run juice was allowed to settle overnight. Only natural yeast was used in making this wine, using the indigenous microflora on the grapes. The juice with the fluffy lees was then fermented in 225 litre (mostly 2nd and 3rd fill) French barrels. Fermentation took place in a 14°C cellar but actual fermentation temperatures were not monitored. The wine was matured in barrels for eight months on the lees; thereafter it was racked, lightly filtered and bottled without being stabilized.

### Tasting Notes:

Bright gold, green tinge. Complex nose lime, quince and apples - some vanilla too. Concentrated rich palate packed with grapefruit and tropical flavours - a real fruit salad with some floral notes in the middle. Good weight / balance of wood and fruit. Lovely long finish.

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**Reviews:**

\*\*\*\* – John Platter Wine Guide 2007

2 ½ Stars (Out of 3) – New York Times (March 7, 2007)

**Supplier Information:**

Teddy Hall is one of the most renowned winemakers in the Cape, well-recognized for his talents with creating wonderful Chenin Blancs. He has won the Wine Magazine Chenin Challenge four times in the last six years, and was the most successful Chenin producer at the 2003 Rendez-vous du Chenin with four wines out of the top 49 international wines selected. His aptness as a winemaker overall is also clear: in 2001, he was named Diners Club Winemaker of the Year and the year following was invited to join the ranks of the Winemakers Guild.

The Vineyards are all situated in Stellenbosch, in Koelenhof, Faure, and Somerset West. Teddy takes full responsibility for these vineyards and they are manicured to perfection. A strictly classical approach is followed through close monitoring of, and attention to, individual vines, as well as minimal interference in the cellar. Teddy strives to achieve a South African character in his wines that reflect their origins in terms of terroir.

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