



Western Cape, South Africa

The Cape wine growing areas, situated in the narrow viticultural zone of the southern hemisphere, mainly have a Mediterranean climate. The mountain slopes and valleys form the ideal habitat for grape growing. Long, sun-drenched summers and mild, wet winters contribute to the ideal conditions for viticulture at the Cape.

The Cape winelands stretch from the rugged mountains and multi-directional slopes of the coastal region to the open plains. South Africa's vineyards are mostly situated in the Western Cape near the coast.

Franschoek Valley is a broad vineyard-lined valley in the southeast corner of Paarl, in South Africa's Western Cape. This small valley is home to some of South Africa's most famous wine estates and has been producing wine since the 17th Century.



FRANSCHOEK CELLAR

ORIGIN Franschoek Valley, Western Cape, South Africa

DESIGNATION 'La Cotte Mill' Chenin Blanc

ABOUT Old mill houses were once a common feature on the landscape of the valley, and La Cotte is one of the few original mills that remain. This artisan workhouse was restored in 1989 by the Franschoek Conservation Trust in association with our Franschoek Cellar. Our Chenin Blanc pays homage to this valued landmark.

VINEYARD The vineyards vary in age from 3 to 30 years. The vineyards are planted on a variety of soil types for optimal performance. A combination of trellised and bush vines with a yield of between 5 and 11 tons per hectare.

PROCESS The grapes undergo a long, cool fermentation in stainless steel followed by 4 months on lees with occasional stirring for added richness and complexity.

TASTING Animated pear and pineapple, fleshy peach, nectarine and litchi aromas supported by a line of bright citrus and tropical fruit that blossom with leesy intrigue on the palate. Finishes with zesty freshness and grace.