



**AVONDALE**  
TERRA EST VITA

Avondale is family owned and run wine estate in Paarl, South Africa. Avondale specialise in top flight extraordinary wines approved by Mother Nature where we make natural slow wines with the utmost attention to detail and unique in character.

## AVONDALE QVEVRI Chenin Blanc 2018

**VINEYARDS:** 10 to 35 year old vines, cultivated organically. The vines yielded between 4 and 8 tons per hectare.

**GRAPE VARIETIES**  
100% Chenin Blanc

**WINEMAKING:** The grapes were picked between 22° and 23 °B. 40% of the grapes were whole bunch pressed, juice fermented and left to age on primary lees in Qvevri. 30% were destemmed, naturally fermented and aged on skins for 3 months, pressed and went back into Qvevri to age on lees. Another 30% were whole bunch fermented and aged on stems and skins for 4 months, pressed and back into Qvevri to age on lees.

All 3 components were taken out of Qvevri in Feb 2019 after approximately a year in Qvevri, blended and bottled.

**CORNÉ SAYS:** Pure clean fruit with unmistakable minerality and earthiness from the Qvevri on the nose. This whole bunch approach introduces an elegant grape-driven tannin structure to the wine, supporting the attractive minerality and lively natural acidity. On the palate, expect a beguiling combination of stone fruits, pear, lime and spice. Skin ferment gives the full palate; and juice ferment gives overall fruitiness. This combined with the earthiness and minerality of the Qvevri makes for a complete wine.

**AGEING:** Enjoy immediately but it will definitely enhance your cellar should you wish to lay it down for four years.



**ALCOHOL:** 13%

**PH:** 3.29

**TA:** 5.6



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