


# CHENIN BLANC

## a) Flavours of Chenin Blanc

The Chenin Blanc is a **white grape** that is commonly grown in the Loire Valley of France, South Africa and California. It makes white wines that are fragrant, high in acid. Chenin Blanc can make wines that range in style from dry to very sweet. Moreover, wines made from Chenin Blanc tend to age very well because of the high level of acidity in the wine.

Wine styles in the Loire are moving toward less acidity. Elsewhere in the world, the move toward quality is just beginning. It is difficult to know how Chenin will be, however examples from South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and America suggest that we could have a rising star on our hands.


 Initiate your palate to Chenin Blanc, with [Cape Spring Chenin Blanc](#), a refreshing and perfumed white wine.



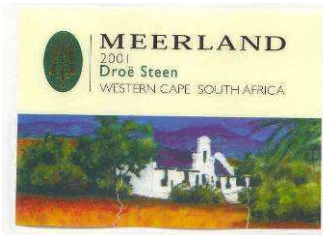
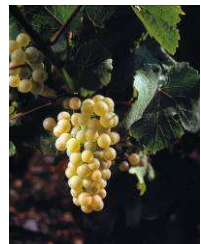
## b) Premium Chenin Blanc Regions

- ◆ **France: Loire Valley.** The most vibrant Chenin Blanc in the world are produced in the Loire Valley in France, specifically in the appellations of Vouvray, Savennières, Anjou and Saumur. Wines are complex, long-lived, with shimmering acidity. Chenin Blanc is made in a variety of degrees of sweetness from bone-dry to sweet.

- ◆ **South Africa.** Chenin Blanc (locally known as **Droë Steen**) is also the leading white grape in South Africa and the most widely grown variety. The Chenin Blanc are drinkable earlier than those made in the Loire Valley and are not intended to be long-lived. They are characterized by flavours of guava and banana as well as pear and pineapple.

-  Get a taste of South African's Chenin Blanc production by enjoying a glass of [Meerland Droë Steen](#).

- ◆ **California.** Chenin Blanc from California are easy to drink, with soft round flavours of pears, melons, apricot, red apples, peaches, and fruit-cocktail syrup.



### Chenin Blanc Key Facts

Dry style	High acidity, vegetal notes, aromas of green apple, citrus
Sweet style	Exotic fruit (pineapple), intense sweetness, high acidity