

TERRA EST VITA



ANIMA

Chenin Blanc



AVONDALE

From living soils we harvest organically-grown grapes to craft extraordinary wines approved by Mother Nature.

WINE OF ORIGIN PAARL
South Africa

Jonathan Gieve



AVONDALE
TERRA EST VITA

Extraordinary Wines Approved by Mother Nature



AVONDALE

TERRA EST VITA



ANIMA 2009

THE SOUL OF THE WORLD - The word anima refers to the vital life force or soul. Our ethos "Terra Est Vita" - Soil is Life is our acknowledgement that for us, soul animates everything on earth, from the minerals, through plants and animals to humans. We've called our Chenin Blanc Anima, because the lively minerals of Avondale's soils give this wine its own delicious, spirited character and extraordinary finesse.

ANIMA'S EMBLEM - This Tree of Life is a modern rendition of the evolutionary phylogenetic tree that shows how all life forms are interconnected through a complex set of relationships over deep time.

GRAPE VARIETY - Anima is made from certified organic Chenin Blanc grapes. Our vines range between 8 and 30 years of age, and provide low yields of between 4 and 8 tons of healthy, balanced grapes.

THE MAKING OF ANIMA - The grapes were harvested at 22 - 23° Balling and pressed as whole bunches. 60% was naturally fermented in 1st, 2nd and 3rd fill 500-litre French oak barrels with the balance in stainless tanks. 15 to 20% of the barrel fermentation was done on the skin which adds unique body and length to the wine. After fermentation the wine was kept on the lees for 10 months with regular battonage.

ANIMA'S CHARACTER - Anima has a nose that develops intriguingly in the glass. Winter melon, pineapple, lime and a hint of honey confirm the elegance and fullness of this softly wooded, supple Chenin Blanc. The palate is dense with fresh fruit flavours of gooseberry, quince and peach, all harmonising superbly with the soulful minerality that gives this wine its name.

WINEMAKER - Corné Marais

VITICULTURIST - Johnathan Grieve

ORIGIN - Paarl, South Africa

ALCOHOL - 13,5% **PH** - 3,45 **TA** - 5,2g/l **AGEING** - 2017



Available exclusively in fine wine shops and in the best restaurants. www.avondalewine.co.za

Printed on 100% environmentally friendly post consumer waste recycled paper.