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## Bryan MacRobert 'Abbotsdale' Chenin Blanc

£14.99



**Vintage:** 2016

**Bottle Size:** 75cl

**Alcohol %:** 12.50%

**Country:** South Africa

**Description:** A delicious introduction to Swartland Chenin Blanc - honey baked apricots on the nose, with a hint of honeysuckle and wild herbs. Fleshy stone fruits - nectarines, greengages, with some zingy pink grapefruit character. Plenty of fine, fresh acidity on the finish - excellent wine.

**Cepages:** Chenin Blanc

**Group:** South Africa

**Sub group:** Western Cape

**Colour:** White

**Closure:** Screwcap

**Producer:**

**Website:** <http://www.bryanmacrobertwines.co.za>

**Organic/Bio Status:** Organic, Vegetarian, Vegan

**Food / cocktail match:** A perfect aperitif or pairing to roast chicken or a risotto.

**Food / cocktail recipe:**

**Press** "Intense mineral spiked dried pear and fresh peach on the palate, with a refresher lime edge. Fantastic concentration from the unirrigated vines" - Neil Pendock, the Cape Wine Academy and Wines of South Africa.

**Awards**

**Other Info:** Former assistant to the famous producer Eben Sadie, highly gifted and energetic young winemaker Bryan MacRobert makes a few barrels of wine in the Swartland under his own label, Abbotsdale wines. It's so healthy for a region when winemakers are making their own tiny production wines because it helps to make the scene more dynamic. It also helps newcomers to emerge even when they haven't got pots of

cash, allowing them to build gradually.

Bryan MacRobert Wines is a small wine producing company located in the Swartland wine region in South Africa. Run by Bryan as the winemaker and Jean-Paul Stuyck as the accountant the two manage the micro-company producing small lots of very high-quality wines. Bryan works closely with high quality, low yielding grape growers to ensure the quality and consistency of his wines.

Bryan's approach is very much that of minimum intervention and less oak presence, and he has a surprising amount of experience for a young winemaker, also crafting impressive terroir-expressive Riojas under his Laventura label in Spain. As he says of that particular project: "I want to make Rioja as it once was. I'm trying to make honest wines," which sums up his approach to all his winemaking, whether it be South African wines or Riojas.