

# Waterford Estate Chardonnay 2011



<b>Cultivars:</b>	Chardonnay
<b>Vineyard:</b>	Waterford Estate, Stellenbosch
<b>Quantity:</b>	2 475 cases
<b>Aging:</b>	7 months, 30% new, 228L French oak barrels
<b>Wine Analysis:</b>	<b>Alc</b> 13.4%
	<b>TA</b> 5.8 g/L
	<b>RS</b> 3 g/L
	<b>pH</b> 3.65

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## TASTING NOTE

Vibrant aromatics of citrus blossoms, lime cordial and hay with a touch of roasted almond from the oak. The palate is rich and dense without being clumsy; the sweet tropical fruit flavours are supported by the natural acidity and grip from the oak tannin.

## VINTAGE REVIEW

An excellent cold winter but with less than ideal rainfall. The growing season started off rather fast with the warmer conditions and drier soils. Lack of wind and rain during flowering produced an excellent crop for the vintage. The growing season was hot and dry up until the end of harvest. Whites are rich with hints of oiliness and reds are soft textured with ripe fruit notes.

