

# Waterford Estate Chardonnay 2012



<b>Cultivars:</b>	Chardonnay
<b>Vineyard:</b>	Waterford Estate, Stellenbosch
<b>Quantity:</b>	2 944 cases
<b>Aging:</b>	8 months, 30% new, 228L French oak barrels
<b>Wine Analysis:</b>	<b>Alc</b> 12.33%
	<b>TA</b> 4.9 g/L
	<b>RS</b> 3 g/L
	<b>pH</b> 3.61

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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 has subtle and delicate flavours following on from the aromatics; the sweet fruit floral flavours are supported by the natural acidity.

## VINTAGE REVIEW

Great winter with sufficiently cold and wet conditions. Spring brought moderate warmth initiating good even growth but late cultivars such as Cabernet Sauvignon received rain during flowering causing bad fruit set resulting in a 45% lower crop. Reds wines stood out in the vintage as being expressive and classical with lower alcohols.

