



2011 Waterford Estate Chardonnay

Cultivars: Chardonnay

Production Area: Waterford Estate, Stellenbosch

Production Quantity: 2475 cases

Barrel Ageing: 7 months, 30% new 228L French oak barrels

Analysis: Alc 13.4% RS 3 g/L

TA 5.8 g/L pH 3.65

Description:

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 flavors are supported by the natural acid 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.