



2014 Waterford Estate Single Vineyard Chardonnay

Cultivars:	Chardonnay			
Production Area:	Waterford Estate, Stellenbosch			
Production Quantity:	3297 cases			
Barrel Ageing:	8 months, 26% new 228L, 300L and 500L French oak barrels			
Analysis:	Alc	12.51%	RS	1.9 g/L
	TA	4.9 g/L	pH	3.48

Description:

A brilliant yellow colour with a green hue is very characteristic of this single vineyard Chardonnay. Aromatics of peach pip and lemon zest, as well as soft coconut husk and nutmeg notes from the gentle oak usage can be found. The vintage produced a slightly fuller Chardonnay to others due to an overall warmer season. The age of these vines proves to still produce lovely restraint, tightly structured wines which will benefit from time spent in bottle.

Vintage Review:

Good long winter, but late rains and cold delaying pruning. Great windless conditions experienced for flowering resulted in a high yield vintage. February temperatures were extremely hot pushing ripening and this made for a quick harvest. Highest recorded tonnages for Waterford Estate. Whites challenging but the red wines have impressed.