

Bouchard Finlayson Missionvale Chardonnay 2004

SantA Classic Trophy 2005 - Gold Medal White Wine

This is an intensely focussed wine of near perfect balance. It is fresh, marginally oaked for six months with an almost white peachy crispness, mixed with a complex yeasty orchestration of flavours. It ends with a tang of richness which lasts a full minute on the palate. With time it will slowly become even more interesting as its nuttiness and complexity continues to develop!

variety : Chardonnay | 100% Chardonnay

winery : Bouchard Finlayson Boutique Vineyard

winemaker : Peter Finlayson

wine of origin : Walker Bay

analysis : alc : 13.0 % vol rs : 1.5 g/l pH : 3.42 ta : 5.4 g/l

type : White **style :** Dry **body :** Full **taste :** Fruity **wooded**

pack : Bottle

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about the harvest: While the village of Hermanus and the surrounding waters of Walker Bay are famous for the visiting Southern Right whales, I believe it is simply a matter of time before Walker Bay becomes equally famous for its superb Chardonnays!

The Missionvale Chardonnay has long been a wine of intense pride. With this 2004 vintage these sentiments are even stronger. It was a fine vintage, with good early dry conditions. Harvesting took place in mid February. Rich fruit arrived which offered a rare lean quality.

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