

Mulderbosch Chardonnay Barrel Fermented 2004

This lively wine shows green and gold hues. Packed with classic Chardonnay fruit, the wine entices the senses with tones of vanilla, English country garden herbs, buttered toast, rolled oats, peach pip, chestnut and tangerine. The long lees contact ensured a robust, round and sensual palate that lingers on the aftertaste.

Perfect with perlemoen fried in butter, grilled crayfish with lemon and garlic butter, or duck liver pate, honey-glazed roast pork, fresh grilled tuna, Karoo lamb, prosciutto ham or as a meal on its own!

variety : Chardonnay | 100% Chardonnay

winery : Mulderbosch Vineyards

winemaker : Mike Dobrovic

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 13.14 % vol rs : 5.7 g/l pH : 3.33 ta : 7.1 g/l so2 : 123 mg/l fso2 : 38 mg/l

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

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

97 Vintage: ****(*) - A masterpiece - World class™. Wine Magazine - March 1999 edition.

98 Vintage: **** Wine Magazine - October 1999 edition.

98 Vintage: Trophy winner out of 200 wines entered in the Air France/Preteux Bourgeois Classic Wine Trophy 1999 (white wine category).

2000 Vintage: judged as Trophy winner and therefore Top White Wine in South Africa, out of 787 entries in the SA Trophy Wine Show 2002.

2000 Vintage: won a gold medal and declared the Best Chardonnay in the Chardonnay category at the SA Trophy Wine Show 2002.

2001 Vintage: Silver medal at the Chardonnay-du-Monde International Competition in France.

2001 Vintage: Fairbairn Capital Trophy Wine Show 2003 - Bronze

2001 Vintage: Wine Magazine 2003 - 3½ stars

2002 Vintage: Gold medal at the Classic Wine Trophy Competition 2003

2002 Vintage: Chardonnay-du-Monde 2004 - Silver

2003 Vintage: 5 Stars - Wine Magazine June 2005 Issue

Fairbairn Capital Trophy Wine Show 2004 - Gold & Trophy Winner in Chardonnay Class

Fairbairn Capital Trophy Show 2005 - Bronze

Silver - International Wine and Spirit Competition (IWSC) 2005

2003 Vintage - International Wine Challenge 2005 - Bronze

2003 Vintage - First Runner-up at the Tri Nations Wine Challenge 2005 in Australia;

2004 Vintage - 4 Stars Wine Magazine November 2005

2004 Vintage - 4 Stars in John Platter

2004 Vintage - International Wine and Spirit Competition (IWSC) 2006 - Silver

ageing : 6 to 9 years after harvest.

in the vineyard : Soil Type: Decomposed Malmesbury Shale, Hutton, Tukululu, Glenrosa

Age of vines: 17 years

Trellising: Vertical trellis / 3 cordon

Vine Density: ± 3 300 vines / ha

Irrigation: Yes, drip irrigation

about the harvest: Picking date: 26 February 2004

Yield: 6 tonnes per hectare

Grape Sugar: 24° B at harvest

Acidity: 7.5g/l at harvest

pH at harvest: 3.34

in the cellar : The grapes were hand picked from a single vineyard in the Koelenhof area. The grapes were allowed 3 hours skin contact before being pressed. The juice was settled overnight and then racked to French oak barriques with 3% of the lees. After 4 days the wine started spontaneous fermentation. The wine underwent partial malolactic fermentation (approximately 12%) and was left on the gross lees for nine



months, during which the barrels were rolled 3 times a month. After barrel maturation the wine was lightly filtered and then bottled.

Wood ageing: 9 months in 100% new French Oak (Vicard Prestige barrels)

Total production: 500 x 12

Fermentation temperature: 18 to 25°C