

De Wetshof Chardonnay D Honneur 1999

This is a multi-dimensional wine distinguished by a remarkable complexity of flavours derived from the fine quality of grapes and good wood. Itâ€™s rich, yeasty-nutty flavours make this wine an ideal accompaniment to gourmet fare.



variety : Chardonnay | 100% Chardonnay

winery :

winemaker : Danie de Wet

wine of origin : Breede River

analysis : alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 3.8 g/l pH : 3.17 ta : 7.6 g/l va : 0.71 g/l so2 : 46/94 mg/l

type : White

pack : Bottle

Challenge International Du Vin 2001 - France - Bronze Medal

Veritas 2001 - Double Gold

Chardonnay Du Monde 2000 - Bronze

International Wine and Spirit Competition London 2000 - Bronze

Veritas 2000 - Silver

ageing : 4 to 8 years.

in the vineyard : Climate: Winter rainfall approximately 300 mm per annum. Summer afternoons are fanned by a cool breeze from the Agulhas Coast. Nights are chilly and mist often shrouds the vineyards until late morning during high summer.

Soils: The gravelly soils are extremely rich in lime with a very high pH - similar to soils of the leading wine growing regions in the world.

Irrigation: The vineyards are scientifically irrigated with the aid of a fully computerised irrigation system. Thanks to the most modern technology, irrigation on De Wetshof has been turned into an asset promoting the quality of the grapes.

Pest Control: Due to a very dry climate, spraying is minimal compared to other wine growing regions.

Rootstock: Richter 99, 110 & 101-14

Age of the vines: 11-18 years

Vines per hectare: 4000

Trellising style: 6 Wire fence system cordon with spur pruning.

about the harvest: Tons per hectare yield: 8 Tons

in the cellar : The wine is barrel fermented, then matured on the lees in french oak for several months. Barrel maturation 8-10 months.

Danie de Wet adjusts his methods of winemaking from year to year, according to weather conditions and grape quality, in the belief that wine is made in the vineyard and not in the cellar. French oak barrels for De Wetshof are specifically selected from specific coopers to enhance the quality of the fruit.