

Bouchard Finlayson Missionvale Chardonnay 2005

Chardonnay is about as close to a sure thing as you get in the wine world! This vintage of Missionvale is not exception. Once again characterised by a relatively soft finished and seamless mouth feel. Aromatic with flowery vanilla tones, structured on a golden layer of apricot and loquat fine flavours. Maturation will enhance its personality.

variety : Chardonnay | 100% Chardonnay

winery : Bouchard Finlayson Boutique Vineyard

winemaker : Peter Finlayson

wine of origin : Walker Bay

analysis : alc : 13.14 % vol rs : 2.4 g/l pH : 3.32 ta : 5.6 g/l

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

pack : Bottle

SantA© Classic Trophy 2005 - Gold Medal White Wine

This is the tenth edition of our Missionvale label. It is perhaps the appropriate time to reflect on the back ground to this name.

A mission hospital established 1822 on our property is arguably the oldest listed building in the greater Hermanus area. This hospital or possibly hospice was erected by German missionary Peter Leitner, it was described as a leper colony "which much later moved to Robben Island. Vintage 2005 was particularly dry throughout the Cape Winelands but this was not entirely true for our small appellation near the village of Hermanus. Timeous rains managed to retain excellent fruit quality and support an impressive vintage.

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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