

De Wetshof Bateleur Chardonnay 2006

Bateleur Chardonnay is a reflection of Danie de Wet's personal taste, combining great depth and length of flavour with elegance and finesse. Long experience and in-depth knowledge of the terroir has led to the choice of site-specific fruit followed by personal barrel selection by Danie de Wet.

variety : Chardonnay | 100% Chardonnay

winery : De Wetshof Estate

winemaker : Danie de Wet

wine of origin : Robertson

analysis : alc : 13.93 % vol rs : 2.5 g/l pH : 3.37 ta : 7.0 g/l va : 0.68 g/l so2 : 52 mg/l fso2 : 12 mg/l

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

pack : Bottle **closure** : Cork

ageing : 4 - 8 years

in the vineyard : Danie de Wet present owner and winemaker of De Wetshof Estate, studied viticulture and cellar technology at Geisenheim, the famous German wine institute.

Danie pioneered the noble white varieties of Europe in South Africa and today the estate of 200 Hectares specialises in superior white wines exclusively. Thus De Wetshof, the first registered wine estate in the Robertson region, made South Africa's first Chardonnay Superior, Sauvignon Blanc and Rhine Riesling Superior. Today Danie specialises in Chardonnay.

Climate: 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 gravely soils are extremely rich in lime with a 7.8 - 8 pH.

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.

Rainfall: Robertson is a winter rainfall area with approximately 300mm per annum.

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

Rootstock: Richter 99

Vines per hectare: 4,000

Trellising style: 6 Wire fence system cordon with spur pruning

Tons per hectare yield: 6 - 8

about the harvest: Grapes are picked in the early morning, destalked, crushed and the juice cleaned before fermentation commences.



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