

Fairview Chardonnay 2008

Fruit aromas of red apples and citrus with subtle butter notes and a fragrant lift. Palate shows elegance, with the fruit flavours following through well. The oaking is not overpowering, with a hint of spice and toast balancing well with the fruit flavours and tannin structure.

Winemaker's notes:

With the longer growing season in the cooler Darling vineyards providing greater complexity and depth of flavour we have chosen to slightly increase the oaking. This is possible as the wine from this vintage has an abundance of inherent fruit flavours which balance well with the oak influence. - *Anthony de Jager*

variety : Chardonnay | 100% Chardonnay

winery : Fairview Wines

winemaker : Anthony de Jager

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : alc : 13.85 % vol rs : 2.7 g/l pH : 3.44 ta : 5.8 g/l

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

pack : Bottle **closure :** Screwcap

ageing :

in the vineyard : Chardonnay was harvested from two sites. The first component was hand-picked from young, trellised vines (7 year old) on the lower slopes of Paarl Mountain, on the Fairview farm. This vineyard is grown on decomposed granite soils and received supplementary irrigation during the ripening season. The second portion was harvested from an 8 year old un-irrigated, trellised vineyard in Darling, grown on deep oakleaf soils.

about the harvest: Harvest dates: Paarl - 31st January 2008, Darling - 3rd March 2008

The Paarl grapes were harvested at 23.5° balling and the vineyard yield was approximately 8 tons per hectare. The Darling grapes were harvested at 23.8° balling and the vineyard yielded 6.5 tons per hectare.

in the cellar : Grapes were whole bunch pressed in a pneumatic press and the juice allowed to settle. This juice was cold fermented, with 20% in stainless steel tanks. The remainder was fermented and matured in French oak barriques. Of the barrel fermented portion, approximately 30% was in new wood. The two components were left sur lie for 9 months before being blended and bottled. The blend comprises 77% Darling and 23% Paarl grapes.

