

## Middelvlei Chardonnay 2009

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The nose and palate show hints of tropical fruit and a generous touch of spice. Luscious peach and guava flavours add to the fruitiness of this elegant wine.

**variety :** Chardonnay | 100% Chardonnay

**winery :** Middelvlei Wines

**winemaker :** Tinnie Momberg

**wine of origin :** Devon Valley

**analysis :** alc : 12.65 % vol    rs : 1.8 g/l    pH : 3.81    ta : 5.2 g/l

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

**pack :** Bottle    **closure :** Cork

**in the vineyard :** At Middelvlei, 21 hectares are devoted to Chardonnay, and grapes from only the best five hectares were used to make the 2009 Chardonnay. The vines, grafted onto Richter 99 rootstock, were planted in 1994. The vineyards face west and are situated at 160m above sea level.

The conditions for the healthy growth and ripening of the grapes during the growing season (September – December) were ideal. The rainfall during the winter before the vintage, as well as the growing season, was average. The annual rainfall was 660mm for the 2008/2009 season compared to the long-term annual rainfall of 700mm.

**about the harvest:** The grapes were harvested (handpicked) during February 2009 at an average sugar level of 24° Balling.

**in the cellar :** They were handpicked into small baskets to prevent bruising. In the cellar the juice received 30 minutes skin contact. 100% tank fermented.

Date bottled: 1 June 2009

