

Spier Colours Chardonnay 2008

Rich aromas of citrus follow through to a well-structured palate with subliminal oak-derived notes.

Serve with pan fried salmon in a lemon butter sauce.

variety : Chardonnay | 100% Chardonnay

winery : Spier Wine Farm

winemaker : Anton Swarts and Frans Smit

wine of origin : Western Cape

analysis : alc : 13.67 % vol rs : 4.2 g/l pH : 3.40 ta : 5.6 g/l

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

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

ageing : Enjoy now or within 2 years from harvest.

in the vineyard : **Terroir**

Western Cape - mainly Breedekloof

Average temperature: Winter 10°C; Summer 28°C

Annual rainfall: 550 mm

Proximity to ocean: 150 km

Soil: Alluvial, Silty Dundee, Tukulu and Oakleaf

Viticulture

Trellised- and bushvines yielded the grapes for this wine. The vines are 6 - 12 years old, received supplementary drip irrigation and produced 10 - 14 tons per hectare.

about the harvest: Grapes were harvested at 22° - 24° Balling.

in the cellar : The grapes were de-stemmed and gently crushed. Some 90% of the juice was extracted by free run and 10% was lightly pressed. The juice from each cultivar fermented separately in stainless steel tanks until dry at 12-15°C. The wine was blended and matured for two months on the primary lees prior to stabilisation and bottling.



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