

Yonder Hill Chardonnay 1999

Pale lemon straw. Herbaceous character on nose. Custard apple aromas. Clean mouth feel and ripe grapefruit and oak flavours well integrated.

variety : Chardonnay | Chardonnay

winery : Yonder Hill

winemaker : David Lockley

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : **alc** : 12.88 % vol **rs** : 2.2 g/l **pH** : 3.4 **ta** : 5.5 g/l

type : White **style** : Dry

pack : Bottle **closure** : Cork

in the cellar : VINEYARDS

Vineyards are eleven years old and planted on the northern slopes of the farm. The vines are trained onto a five wire trellis system to maximise exposure to the sunlight and sea breeze. The use of minimal handling and insecticides shows our approach towards enviro-friendly farming methods.

SOILS

Deep fertile Oakleaf or Clovelly soil. The 20 to 30 cm of lime becomes a good mixture of sand to sand-lime-clay soil medium. It is then followed by 50 to 60 cm of wet zone, as a result of limited amounts of clay, with apparent granite origin.

WINEMAKING

The berries ripened in the early months of the year, were then whole bunch pressed and then settled. Fermentation took place in the barrel where it matured for four months. The wine was lightly wooded in the finest 225 l French Oak barrels.