

Stellenrust 'Wild Yeast' Chardonnay 2010

The nose shows ripe citrus fruit with some toasted almond. The palate more concentrated with stronger nut flavours, some peach notes, but also a lingering tropicality to it. Well judged oaking preserves a butterscotch palate and promote a zesty acidity for graceful bottle ageing.

This Chardonnay will complement spicy Thai grill vegetables or even a well matured cheddar cheese on Melba toast with honey dumplings.

variety : Chardonnay | 100% Chardonnay

winery : Stellenrust Wine Estate

winemaker : Tertius Boshoff

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 13.0 % vol rs : 3.3 g/l pH : 3.3 ta : 7.1 g/l

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

pack : Bottle **closure** : Cork

in the vineyard : Out of all the vineyards we own, these come from our highest altitude soil and only limestone vineyards. The focus is placed on how minerality can overcome oak.

One of our biggest prides, the Stellenrust Chardonnay boasts with a long track record of excellent quality and value - only available on consignment to our international importers.

Vineyard: Trellised vines from our Bottelary property.

about the harvest: Chardonnay grapes are harvested at between 22 to 23° Balling.

in the cellar : After harvesting, the grapes were crushed and the juice allowed skin contact for up to 8 hours. The juice is then taken to barrels without proper settling and allowed to ferment with wild yeasts. The juice is stirred often in the barrel during fermentation to lift the lees, but also for some time after fermentation.

The Chardonnay spends another 12 months in French barrels (40% new) on its gross lees giving the yeast cells chance to undergo autolysis to release more flavour and richness into the wine.

