

Noble Hill Chardonnay 2010

This example has a sweet entry that almost betrays its barrel maturation. The broad, soft palate is full of fresh ripe pineapple and flinty stone.

There's enough fresh fruit here to titillate the easy-drinker, but structure to hold up to stronger flavours like roast chicken or duck.

variety : Chardonnay | 100% Chardonnay

winery : Noble Hill Wine Estate

winemaker : Bernard le Roux

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : alc : 13.8 % vol rs : 2.7 g/l pH : 3.04 ta : 6.3 g/l

type : White

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

ageing : With aging of 1-2 years touches of lime and watermelon will give way to darker butterscotch and honey.

in the vineyard : Our Chardonnay grows in a model vineyard located just behind the cellar. Apart from the occasional tourist tromping through a"er a wine tasting, these soils are relatively loose and uncompacted, creating a healthy subsoil ecosystem and relatively vigorous vegetative growth. We restrain the vines' ambition with a carefully-timed program of manual suckering, combing, and tipping during the spring. This keeps the vines focused on their fruit and causes them to develop concentrated, explosive flavours by harvest.

