

Diemersdal Chardonnay Reserve 2011

The Reserve Chardonnay has a complex character with a pale straw colour. On the nose, notes of barrel fermentation, vanilla and crème caramel come forward, integrating gently with aromas of tropical exotic fruit. The mouth feel is rich and buttery, ending in a wine with beautiful extraction of fruit and elegant acidity that brightens the palate.

Cream-based dishes, crayfish and lemon butter prawns.

variety : Chardonnay | 100% Chardonnay

winery : Diemersdal Estate

winemaker : Thys Louw, Mari van der Merwe

wine of origin : Durbanville

analysis : alc : 12.97 % vol rs : 1.9 g/l pH : 3.45 ta : 7.0 g/l

type : White **style :** Dry **wooded**

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

2009: 4½ Stars - John Platter Wine Guide'10

2005: Gold Medal - Michelangelo Wine Awards 2006

in the vineyard : Terrior

Slope: South-East-facing slopes

Soil: Scali and Hutton

Climate: Moderate with cooling sea breezes from the Atlantic Ocean

Viticulture

Trellising:4 wire Perold

Age of vines:22 years

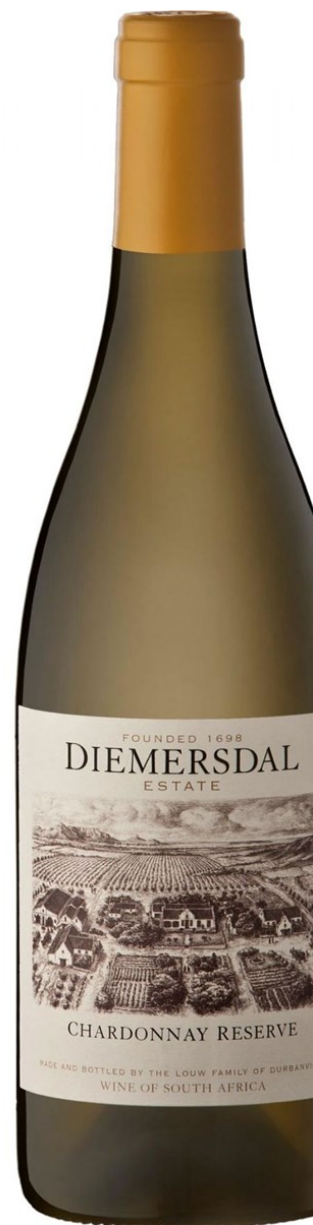
Irrigation:Dry-land conditions

about the harvest: The grapes were handpicked at full phenolic ripeness.

Yield: 5t/ha

in the cellar : Crushed and destemmed; pressed and pumped into new 228 litre French oak barrels. Natural alcoholic and malolactic fermentation took place in the barrels.

Maturation: 6 months' oak maturation in new 228 litre French Oak. The wine was aged sur lie (on the lees) and stirred up once a week to enhance mouth feel and concentration.



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