

KWV Classic Collection Chardonnay 2011

Flavourful citrus, tropical and stone fruit aromas make this wine a friendly and accessible wine. On the palate the wine is medium bodied with hints of peach, vanilla and lemon flavours. The wine has a lingering aftertaste.

Enjoy on its own or with a variety of light meat dishes, creamy pastas or picnics.

variety : Chardonnay | 100% Chardonnay

winery : KWV Classic Collection

winemaker : The Winemaking Team

wine of origin : Western Cape

analysis : alc : 13.5 % vol rs : 5.5 g/l pH : 3.36 ta : 13.5 g/l

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

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

ageing : Enjoy now, but it can still be enjoyed 18 months from vintage.

in the vineyard : About the area

South Africa's vineyards are mostly situated in the Western Cape region, near the coast. This is the southernmost region of the African continent and has a Mediterranean type climate and diverse soils, perfectly suited to quality grape production.

Vintage conditions

The 2010 harvest will be remembered for its erratic weather changes, which posed several challenges to winemakers and viticulturists alike. A cold, but late 2009 winter preceded the growing season, providing much needed rest to the vineyards. Budding was earlier than expected, which resulted in an early start to the 2010 harvest. Above average rainfall was recorded during the growing season, resulting in increased disease pressure and lower vineyard yields. Up until the end of February, the harvest season was characterised by mild weather which created favourable conditions for slow ripening and the development of berry flavours. Grape quality in general was very good, promising a range of excellent wines from the 2010 vintage.

about the harvest: Grapes were harvested in February.

in the cellar : Maturation

40% of the blend was matured for 4 months.