

Hoopenburg Integer Chardonnay 2009

Nose – Complex, fresh, lemon and citrus blossom with a subtle hint of leesy character.

Palate – Medium bodied, balanced with lingering limey texture rounded up with integrated oak.

variety : Chardonnay | 100% Chardonnay

winery : Hoopenburg Wines

winemaker : Neil Hawkins

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : **alc** : 14 % vol **rs** : 2.6 g/l **pH** : 3.45 **ta** : 6.2 g/l **va** : 0.47 g/l **so2** : 129 mg/l **fso2** : 30 mg/l

type : White **wooded**

pack : Bottle **closure** : Cork

in the vineyard : The fruit for this Chardonnay comes from one of the oldest Chardonnay blocks on the farm.

about the harvest: Two pickings were done for this vintage – a quarter was picked at 22 Balling with the balance at 23,5 Balling.

in the cellar : The bunches were whole bunch pressed for 3 hours, settled naturally for 12 hours over night, then transferred to French oak for fermentation. Once completed the wine was aged on full ferment lees for 12 months with no malolactic, minimal battonage and no racking. A barrel selection was then done to make up the blend. 35% new, 30% 2nd fill and 35% 3rd fill.

