

Riebeek Cellars Chardonnay 2012

This unwooded style of Chardonnay offers an accessible wine with the body of the Chardonnay grape but without the oak and buttery flavours often associated with this cultivar. The colour is a brilliant green-gold and the style is dry but fruity. The nose has exceptional tropical flavours that follow through in a pallet with a well-rounded finish of lingering citrus.

Slightly chilled with rich food or on its own.

variety : Chardonnay | 100% Chardonnay

winery : Riebeek Cellars (replaced by Riebeek Valley Wine Co)

winemaker : Eric Saayman

wine of origin : Swartland

analysis : alc : 14.47 % vol rs : 1.1 g/l pH : 3.67 ta : 6.0 g/l

type : White

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

ageing : Drink now or within 2 years of vintage.

in the vineyard : Cellar: Riebeek Wine Cellar, Riebeek Kasteel, Riebeek Valley

Wine Maker: Eric Saayman

Viticulturist: Hanno van Schalkwyk

Vineyard: Supplementary irrigation

about the harvest: Mid to end of February at about 24° Balling

Yield: 10 - 12 tons per hectare

in the cellar : Free run juice was used. After settling and acid adjustment, it was inoculated with selected yeast. Fermentation temperature stayed between 13-14 degree Celsius. Wine was left on lees for few months prior to bottling to enhance the flavour.

