

Delaire Graff Chardonnay 2012

Elegant with layered nuances of vanilla, peaches and honeycomb. A hint of minerality adds to lingering finish.

variety : Chardonnay | 100% Chardonnay

winery : Delaire Graff Estate

winemaker : Morne Vrey

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 2.4 g/l pH : 3.27 ta : 5.8 g/l

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

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

in the vineyard : Vintage Characteristics The 2012 conditions produced crops of notable quality. The cooler harvest period and slow ripening of grapes resulted in smaller berries with intense colour, exceptional flavours and structure.

From select hillside vineyards in the Stellenbosch region.

about the harvest: The grapes were handpicked in the fresh hours of the early morning over various ripening periods. Picking criteria was based on flavour to ensure optimal sugar concentration and balance of acidity.

in the cellar : Extensive bunch sorting of the grapes formed part of the quality management process. The grapes were whole bunch pressed and barrel fermented for 14 days. Maturation took place in 225 litre French barrels for 10 months. No batonage or malolactic fermentation took place.

