

Bouchard Finlayson Crocodiles Lair / Kaaimansgat Chardonnay 2013

The wine reflects a traditional mineral quality which is symptomatic of the vineyards austere location. While currently tight and fresh the evolution of this bottling will gradually offer more pronounced nutty and creamy components with enhanced maturation flavours.

variety : Chardonnay | 100% Chardonnay
winery : Bouchard Finlayson Boutique Vineyard
winemaker : Peter Finlayson
wine of origin : Walker Bay
analysis : alc : 13.53 % vol rs : 1.8 g/l pH : 3.35 ta : 5.2 g/l
type : White **style :** Dry **body :** Medium **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 0 **closure :** Cork

ageing : Drink now or enjoy waiting while it develops over five years or more!

Our association with the Kaaimansgat Chardonnay vineyard has become an institution, which contributes emphatically to the Bouchard Finlayson Chardonnay success. A success which is beautifully illustrated one vintage after another with outstanding grapes and acclaimed wines. Now after 21 years we enjoy the situation of presenting the early release of the 2013 vintage where the late picking of the grapes has offered fruit display and presented a bottling with floral notes which play to the "fresh palate" enthusiasts.

in the vineyard : The Kaaimansgat vineyard is in contrast to our home location where our own grapes originate from a gentle maritime location (and climate), while the mountain terroir of this Kaaimansgat vineyard enjoys real winters and altitude softened summers. High mountains defend against long days and offer late ripening conditions through their influence on shorter local diurnal sunlight conditions. A policy of non-irrigation is further cause for smaller fine berried concentrated fruit which offer a high skin to juice ratio.

in the cellar : These grapes were fermented in classic Burgundian fashion and allowed to age in small barrels in contact with the original fermentation yeast.



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