

Elgin Vintners Chardonnay 2018

The nose leads with white stone fruit, minerality, and the lemon and limey notes that we have come to associate with Elgin Chardonnays. A broad, rich palate on which citrus explodes in your mouth combined with some fresh kiwi fruit flavours, nicely balanced with a lively fruit acidity and subtle wooding lend a satisfying, lengthy and textured finish to this Chardonnay. Whilst it shows much poise and elegance at present, this wine will reward you with further careful and patient maturation.

variety : Chardonnay | 100% Chardonnay

winery : Elgin Vintners

winemaker : Marinda Kruger-Claassen

wine of origin : Elgin

analysis : alc : 13.0 % vol rs : 2..9 g/l pH : 3.41 ta : 6.5 g/l

type : White **style :** Dry **wooded**

pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Screwcap

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SAWi Platinum Award achieving a score of 95+

in the vineyard :

This is a cool area, situated 12 - 20 km from the sea, with mean February (ripening stage) temperatures of 19 - 20°C. Soils are predominantly ferruginous (iron rich) gravel on highly weathered, soft Bokkeveld Group shale, situated at 200-300 m altitude and surrounded by Table Mountain sandstone mountains at heights of about 500 - 1 000m, sheltering the area from the often extremely strong south-easterly winds in summer.

Chardonnay Clone CY96 on 101-14 Mgt root stock.

in the cellar :

Minimal intervention with fortnightly battonage following the completion of primary fermentation. Only a 20% portion allowed to complete malolactic fermentation in order to preserve the chiseled and athletic provenance of the wine. The wooding regime adopted meant a new wood component of 30% with the balance in second, third and fourth fill barrels. Staying true to the Burgundian roots of the Chardonnay grapes, all the wood selected was sourced from Burgundian coopers. The wine was prepared for bottling after 8 months in wood.

Packing : Stelvin screw top closure | Barcode 6009 8144 3002-1 (per single bottle) |

Barcode 16009 8144 3001-1 (per 6 x 750ml bottles)

Quantity : 3243 lit / 720 cases (6 x 750ml) produced.

