

## Boschendal Chardonnay Reserve 2000

This bold, statement wine is big on aroma and flavours, combining a lemony, toasty vanilla nose with zesty citrus and ripe tropical fruit on the palate. Well balanced, the soft, buttery character - from barrel fermentation and maturation - adds to the complexity and roundness of the wine. Ideally served with fish and shellfish, poultry and soft cheeses, this wine also has the ability to stand up to rich, creamy sauces.

**variety** : Chardonnay | 100% Chardonnay

**winery** : Boschendal Estate

**winemaker** : JC Bekker

**wine of origin** : Coastal

**analysis** : **alc** : 14.6 % vol **rs** : 2.8 g/l **pH** : 3.48 **ta** : 5.7 g/l

**type** : White

**pack** : Bottle **closure** : Cork



**in the vineyard** : 100% Chardonnay from a 16-year-old unirrigated vineyard. This low yielding - three tons per hectare - vineyard is ideally positioned high up on the cool, eastern slopes of the Simonsberg. The variety of clones within the vineyard gives complexity and character to the wine.

**about the harvest**: To ensure optimum ripeness, all the grapes were hand-picked on taste and came in at 25° Balling.

**in the cellar** : The grapes were crushed and the juice was cold-settled at 10°C for two days before being transferred to barrels where 50% was inoculated with a pure yeast culture and the rest left to ferment naturally. Natural fermentation took place at 20°C and took five months to complete, with 50% undergoing malolactic fermentation, thus imparting enriched flavour and complexity to the finished wine. Still on its primary lees, the wine was matured in French oak for 11 months; 25% in 1st- and the balance in 2nd- & 3rd-fill barrels. During this time the lees were stirred monthly to enhance the mouthfeel of the wine.

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