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Domaine Grier Chardonnay 2016

A lightly wooded Chardonnay with a bouquet of citrus and hint of pear. It is fresh with an underlying minerality but balanced by a long creamy finish.

variety : Chardonnay | 100% Chardonnay
winery : Villiera Wines
winemaker : Raphael Graugnard
wine of origin : Stellenbosch
analysis : **alc :** 13.38 % vol **rs :** 0.9 g/l **pH :** 3.38 **ta :** 6. g/l
type : White **taste :** Mineral **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Cork

In 2006, the Grier family, owners of Villiera Wines in the Stellenbosch region of South Africa, realised their dream of owning a vineyard in the South of France. Their lengthy love affair with France began in 1983 after meeting Jean Louis Denois from Champagne, who later moved to Limoux in the South of France. Regular visits to the area culminated in a growing interest to become physically involved. Jean Louis Denois identified the Fenouillèdes in Roussillon as prime “terroir” for the creation of top quality wines. Early in 2006, the ideal site became available and the Griers grabbed the opportunity to put in an offer which was accepted. The vineyard has become a natural extension of their South African based wine business, and they are assisted by Raphael Graugnard, a local winemaker who shares a passion for the region. The Domaine Grier Chardonnay is part of the story and reflects the influence of both the old and new world.

about the harvest: The fruit was picked at optimum ripeness to ensure good fruit intensity and refreshing acidity.

in the cellar : The fruit was picked at optimum ripeness to ensure good fruit intensity and refreshing acidity. After crushing the mash was drained immediately and gently pressed to ensure elegance. Sixty six percent of the wine was fermented in used oak barrels and the balance was tank fermented. After stabilization, the wine was bottled in December 2016.

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