

Delaire Graff Chardonnay 2016

Light golden wheat colour. Layered expressions of citrus and tropical fruit with subtle layers of honey and almonds in the background. Balanced and superbly structured, the flavours are complimented by a delicate minerality.

variety : Chardonnay | 100% Chardonnay

winery : Delaire Graff Estate

winemaker : Morne Vrey

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 13.8 % vol rs : 1.9 g/l pH : 3.29 ta : 6.3 g/l

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

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

in the vineyard : Challenging conditions, including extended warm weather and little rainfall, led to a reduced crop in 2016. However, the dry conditions headed vineyards and grapes which were very healthy overall. Vines produced lower bunch masses with smaller berries and concentrated flavours promising good wines

about the harvest: From select hillside vineyards in the Stellenbosch region. 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 40% new French barrels for 10 months. No batonage or malolactic fermentation took place, in order to retain freshness.

