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Waterford Estate Chardonnay Single Vineyard 2016

A brilliant olive-green hue very characteristic of this single vineyard Chardonnay. The aromatics of this wine is driven by fresh peach pip, lime and a gentle influence from oak.



variety : Chardonnay | 100% Chardonnay
winery : Waterford Estate
winemaker : Mark Le Roux
wine of origin : Stellenbosch
analysis : **alc :** 12.7 % vol **rs :** 1.9 g/l **pH :** 3.49 **ta :** 4.6 g/l **so2 :** 81 mg/l **fso2 :** 28 mg/l
type : White **style :** Dry **taste :** Fragrant **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Cork

TIM ATKIN - Score : 93

ageing : The age of these vines still prove to produce lovely restraint, tightly structured wines which are rather perfumed when young but develop beautifully from time spent in bottle, 2-5 years from release.

A vintage which will be remembered for drought and heat. Luckily for Waterford's location on the Helderberg mountain and the near proximity to the ocean, the vineyards could cool down over night. The lack of water resulted in light bunches with tiny berries, great for red wine colour and flavor. The heat also resulted in wines being lower in acidity.

in the vineyard : Cultivars: Chardonnay planted 1988
The 2014 Winter was cut a little short with temperatures rising quickly in August, the growing season remained warm and dry bringing the harvest dates slightly forward. Moderate to cool conditions during ripening resulted in wines with excellent preserved aromatics and flavours. Exceptional white and red wines from this vintage, true greats.

in the cellar : Barrel Ageing: 9 months, 24% new oak, fermented in 300L French oak barrels
Production: 3580 cases

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