

Lanzerac Premium Chardonnay 2018 - Sold Out

This full-bodied Chardonnay showcases prominent primary citrus aromas on the nose followed by a complexity of flavours including lemon, clover, ginger and vanilla. The palate reveals an excellent balance between fruit, acidity and softness with a lingering aftertaste.

This elegant Chardonnay pairs beautifully with a smoked salmon terrine, roast crayfish with truffle sauce crème or poached sea bass with potatoes in a white wine, cream and chive sauce.

variety : Chardonnay | 100% Chardonnay

winery : Lanzerac Wine Estate

winemaker : Wynand Lategan

wine of origin : Jonkershoek Valley

analysis : alc : 14.05 % vol rs : 1.9 g/l pH : 3.55 ta : 5.6 g/l

type : White style : Dry body : Medium taste : Fruity wooded

pack : Bottle size : 750ml closure : Cork

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ageing : Drink now to 2021.

in the vineyard : The Lanzerac Chardonnay 2018 was sourced from eight different vineyard blocks, D5, L1, L2, L3, L11, L12, J2 and J7 from Lanzerac and Jonkersdrift in the Jonkershoek Valley. The age from the different vineyard blocks range from 4 to 23 years old and consist of different clones to add complexity to the wine. The blocks are mainly from deep sandy soils and cover an area of 8.82 hectares. The yield for the 2018 vintage was 7.09 tons/hectare. The 8 blocks sits at an altitude of 166m - 375 meters above sea level. All pruning and harvesting is done by hand to ensure that only healthy and fully ripe grapes reach the cellar.

about the harvest: End of January to middle February 2018.

in the cellar : The grapes were handpicked and transported to the cellar in bins where the grape bunches were hand sorted before destemmed and crush. The mash is cooled by a mash cooler to approximately 15°Celsius before pressing. The pressed Chardonnay juice is then allowed 48 hours to settle before the clear juice is raked of the lees. Most (70%) of the Chardonnay was fermented in 300 litre Burgundy styled oak barrels, whilst the rest (30%) was fermented in stainless steel tanks. A combination of new, 2nd, 3rd and 4th fill barrels were used to ensure the best preservation of fruit. Each vineyard block is treated differently with different yeast regimes and fermentation. After fermentation the Chardonnay in the barrels is left on the lees and batonage is done every week for 7-8 months. After approximately 9 months the Chardonnay is blended and prepared for bottling.

