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Mont Rochelle Chardonnay 2019

This fruit-forward Chardonnay is European in style with an integrated oak component and lovely angular acidity. Pale straw in colour with golden hues and displays butterscotch, marzipan and lemon curd like characteristics. There are hints of citrus and stone fruit on the palate which is refreshingly long and angular on the finish.



variety : Chardonnay | 96% Chardonnay, 4% Viognier
winery : Mont Rochelle Mountain Vineyards
winemaker : Dustin Osborne
wine of origin : Franschhoek
analysis : **alc :** 13.50 % vol **rs :** 1.72 g/l **pH :** 3.35 **ta :** 5.51 g/l **va :** 0.52 g/l
type : White **style :** Dry **body :** Full **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Screwcap

ageing : 8 Months on lees

Our block of Chardonnay was the first vineyard planted on the farm in 1994, and has been producing world class wines since its first vintage with both the Mont Rochelle and MIKO Chardonnays finding their origins here. Made in a slightly oxidative, European style of Chardonnay. The Mont Rochelle Chardonnay expresses the true reflection of the Mont Rochelle terroir.

in the vineyard : The post-harvest period (April and May) was very hot and dry, which led to early leaf-fall in some, and the accumulation of reserves was moderate. Winter arrived late, but was cold enough to break dormancy. Although rainfall was higher than the previous season, it was still below average and the dam and soil water levels remained under pressure. We therefore had to irrigate meticulously. Spring arrived on time and warm weather in August contributed to somewhat earlier than normal, but even bud burst. However, cooler weather in September resulted in some instances of later and more uneven bud burst. October and November were characterised by cool nights and warm days, that was beneficial to flowering and berry set. The growing season and especially harvest time will be remembered for cooler nights and warmer, drier days. Harvest time kicked off on time. The generally dry season resulted in very healthy vineyards with limited occurrence of pests, diseases or rot.

about the harvest:
Harvested in the cool of the morning, the grapes were carefully selected in the vineyard before undergoing gentle whole bunch pressing.

Harvested: 14th & 18th Feb 2019

in the cellar : The juice was then inoculated with selected cultured yeasts that favour aroma and flavour development in the wines. Extended less contact in barrel and Battonage (stirring of barrels) was employed. Resulting wines were aged in 50% French oak (75% 2nd and the balance in 3rd & 4th fill) and 50% in stainless steel to preserve aromatics and freshness. The final blend is comprised of two different clones of Chardonnay to lend complexity to the wines.

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