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Bouchard Finlayson Kaaimansgat Crocodiles Lair Chardonnay 2000



The wine is very much a reflection of the vineyards' terroir. The rich mineral and citrus flavour profile has been enchanced with a gentle use of the best French oak. The style of the wine is an exciting move away from new world Chardonnay. A natural match with poultry, game birds and richer fish dishes. The wine's full-bodied flavourful structure makes it an ideal wine for the red meat lover who does not drink red wine.

variety : Chardonnay | Chardonnay
winery : Bouchard Finlayson Boutique Vineyard
winemaker : Peter Finlayson
wine of origin : Elandskloof
analysis : **alc :** 14 % vol **rs :** 2.0 g/l **pH :** 3.33 **ta :** 5.9 g/l
type : White **style :** Dry **body :** Medium **taste :** Fruity **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Cork

"as you would expect, a Burgundian wonder. It has been very lightly oaked so the over obvious vanilla of some New World Chardonnay is not evident here" - Thomas Clancy - Sunday Business Post, Ireland.

"...it sure gives Burgundy a run for its money." - Wine Tidings, Canada.

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in the vineyard : Kaaimansgat literally means "Crocodile's Lair" and is the name of the vineyard that rests high in the mountains at 700 metres above sea level, near the village of Villiersdorp. A more appropriate name would have been "snowline" since the site is more reminiscent of the Swiss Alps than a typical South African vineyard location!

about the harvest: Near perfect grapes were harvested in mid March in cool Autumn temperatures. The vineyard is not irrigated; producing grapes that are particularly small berries, providing a high skin to juice ratio, which adds extra flavour components to this delightful wine.

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