

Mellasad Chardonnay 2017

Usual light brush of (old French) wood gives rich citrus & melon fruit flavours free rein, some roasted pine nuts & subtle oak notes a pleasing backdrop, orange peel on exit in abeyance.

Oysters, crayfish, smoked salmon and chicken salad.

variety : Chardonnay | 100% Chardonnay

winery : Dekkersvlei Wine Estate

winemaker : Mellasad Vineyards

wine of origin : Paarl

analysis : alc : 11.97 % vol rs : 1.39 g/l pH : . ta : 5.06 g/l

type : White **style :** Dry **body :** Medium **taste :** Herbaceous **wooded**

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

Platter's South African Wine Guide 2020: 3½ Stars (85)

in the vineyard :

On the farm Dekkersvlei in Klein Drakenstein near Paarl at 254 meters above sea level.

Vine Age: 12 Years

Soil: Decomposed Granite

Average Yield: 5.53 tonnes per hectare

Irrigation: The vines are trellised with drip irrigation

about the harvest: 17th January 2017.

in the cellar :

Average of 4rd fill 300li French oak barrels for eleven months.

The grapes were pressed by pneumatic bag press and juice settlement undertaken for 2 days. The must was then transferred to 300li French (average fourth fill) oak barrels. Yeast (Laffort VL3) was inoculated then fermented for approximately 28 days at an average temperature of 17 degrees C. Malolactic fermentation was partially encouraged in barrel after the alcoholic fermentation and the lees stirred (batonnage). A bentonite and PVPP fining was used to protein stabilise and clarify the wine prior to bottling.

No filtering of the wine was undertaken except at bottling when a medium filtration (split AF70/110) was undertaken.

