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Mont Rochelle Chardonnay 2020

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



variety : Chardonnay | 96% Chardonnay, 4% Viognier
winery : Mont Rochelle Mountain Vineyards
winemaker : Dustin Osborne
wine of origin : Franschhoek
analysis : **alc :** 13.90 % vol **rs :** 1.9 g/l **pH :** 3.42 **ta :** 6.4 g/l **va :** 0.52 g/l
type : White **style :** Dry **body :** Full **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Screwcap

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. 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.

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