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Bouchard Finlayson Kaaimansgat Crocodiles Lair Chardonnay 2021

Excellently presented aromas of melon and nectarine underlay a vibrant and pronounced lemon zest and baking spice combination. The texture is rich and voluminous, but balanced by a compelling acidity. Incredible length on the palate. Drink now through 2025.

The richness of the wine works very well with a mild tandoori salmon and coriander chutney. Leafy herb salad with a light drizzle of miso dressing. Classic avocado ritz.



variety : Chardonnay | 100% Chardonnay
winery : Bouchard Finlayson Boutique Vineyard
winemaker : Peter Finlayson
wine of origin : Elandskloof
analysis : **alc :** 13.48 % vol **rs :** 2.1 g/l **pH :** 3.27 **ta :** 6.3 g/l **va :** 59 g/l **so2 :** 0.82 mg/l
type : White **style :** Dry **body :** Medium **taste :** Fruity **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Cork

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TheKaaimansgatorCrocodile'sLairvineyardishiddenawayintheElandskloofValley behind the village of Villiersdorp, just 80km from Hermanus. A beautiful, blind valley nestled amongst majestic mountains. Bouchard Finlayson has been linked directly to this vineyard for thirty vintages. It is located 700m above sea level, ripens a month later than other Cape Chardonnays and benefits enormously from cool autumn temperatures. The name of the vineyard is derived from the mispronounced name of the original settler–a Dutchman Kwaaiman.

in the vineyard : The elevation at which these vineyards grow, play a significant role in the resulting wine. At 800m above sea level, berries tend to be smaller and skins thicker. Lower juice recoveries can be expected, however, fruit flavours are abundant and the vintage consistency remarkable.

in the cellar : Fermentation occur in barrel and initiate spontaneously by indigenous yeast populations. Maintaining temperatures below 25 degrees Celsius is key in the preservation of fruit freshness. Bottling in January 2022 follows a 2 month resting period in tank.

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