

Muratie Isabella Chardonnay 2024

Muratie Isabella Chardonnay 2024 is a fresh and elegant wine with a peach-blossom fragrance. Its aim is to evoke those bedtime butterfly kisses of Rijk and Kim Melck's beautiful baby girl, so the oaking (10 months in this case) is subtle, serving only to spice the stone fruit, melon, and citrus flavours with hints of hazelnuts and vanilla cream. It's beautifully delicate and understated, with a pure, slightly piquant and lingering mineral finish promising great charm well beyond the toddler years.

variety : Chardonnay | 100% Chardonnay

winery : Muratie Wine Estate

winemaker : Hattingh de Villiers

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 13.97 % vol rs : 2.2 g/l pH : 3.41 ta : 5.3 g/l

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

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

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For current Muratie owners Rijk and Kim Melck, there could be only one name for their Chardonnay, made from the free-run juice of hand-harvested, whole-bunch pressed grapes, fermented naturally and then matured in 500l French oak for nine months: the name of their baby daughter, Isabella.

about the harvest: The grapes were hand harvested.

in the cellar : The grapes were hand harvested before being whole bunch pressed. The juice was chilled to about 8 °C for two days. The clear juice was then taken off the sediment and pumped into 500 litre barrels where it underwent a combination of inoculated and natural fermentation.

After the alcoholic fermentation (40% wild fermentation) the wine underwent 60% malolactic fermentation and spent 10 months in French oak before being racked and blended. It was then stabilised before it was bottled and labelled.



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