

David Finlayson Chardonnay 2025

This is the sixteenth vintage of our Chardonnay. The wine is made from five different vineyards. As with previous vintages, the wine shows an elegant minerality with lime-citrus, sourdough and cinnamon flavours. The tight minerality keeps a wonderful acid grip on the palate showing good aging potential. A floral note of wild, white flowers such as frangipani and almond blossom is obvious on the front of the nose and follows through the palate. Likened by many to the flavours found in the Cote de Nuits with a subtle New-world swathe of fruit, the focus here is to make an elegant wine that is great to enjoy.

The ideal accompaniment to foods such as dal masala, Spanish style paella, quail or pork belly.

variety : Chardonnay | 100% Chardonnay

winery : Edgebaston Vineyard | David Finlayson Wines

winemaker : David Finlayson

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 13.99 % vol rs : 3 g/l pH : 3.37 ta : 5.7 g/l

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

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

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in the vineyard :

This was a cool, dry vintage leading to a small crop with grapes that ripened under very healthy conditions with great potential.

Soil types: Malmesbury Shale on deep red clay, Hutton

Aspect of vineyards: East-west

Ha planted: 12

Planting distance: 4 foot x 8 foot

Vines per hectare: 3500-4000

Trellis system: Double cordon

Irrigation: Supplementary drip

Altitude: 150-350m

Temperature: 25-30C

Rainfall: +-600mm/annum

about the harvest: Chardonnay grapes, from 6 blocks were handpicked at sugars varying from 22° -25 °Balling ,to ensure a variety and complex blend of potential flavours.

Harvest dates: Early February to Mid February 2024

in the cellar : Barrel fermented with partial pure yeast strain inoculation and some with natural yeasts. A 30 % portion was allowed to go through malolactic fermentation. The wine was stirred once during maturation in barrel, to create a creamy, harmonious blend between wood and grape flavours. Fined with bentonite and vegocol making this wine vegan friendly Crossflow filtered and bottled under screwcap to ensure quality.

Wood Elevation: Ten months in French Oak; 10 % New French Oak – Allier; Medium Toasted 35 % 2 nd Fill French Oak – Medium Toasted 45 % 3 rd Fill French Oak and 10% Concrete eggs

Coopers: D&J, Mercury, Louis Latour

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