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Bouchard Finlayson Kaaimansgat Crocodiles Lair Chardonnay 2001



I instinctively knew this land offered great potential and locked into a contract with Daniel Roux long before the first harvest was due. The wine reflects a strong mineral quality, which is symptomatic of the vineyard's terroir. It has a full mouth feel with a seductive leather pants quality, which is lean with a citrus and vanilla flavour. It ends in a repeated nutty pear skin after taste, echoed many times on the tongue.

A natural match with poultry, game birds and richer fish dishes.

variety : Chardonnay | 100% Chardonnay
winery : Bouchard Finlayson Boutique Vineyard
winemaker : Peter Finlayson
wine of origin : Elandskloof
analysis : **alc :** 13.5 % vol **rs :** 1.6 g/l **pH :** 3.44 **ta :** 6.0 g/l
type : White **style :** Dry **body :** Medium **taste :** Fruity **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Cork

2004 International Wine Challenge 2004 - Gold
2003 Fairbairn Capital Trophy Wine Show - Bronze
2003 International Wine Challenge - Bronze

in the vineyard : Kaaimansgat literally means "crocodile's lair". The name originates from a farm, which will next year have been in the Roux family for 100 years. It is located in a blind valley deep into the mountains near the village of Villiersdorp, set in scenery more reminiscent of the Swiss Alps. The ripening of the Chardonnay grapes in this valley takes place almost one month later than elsewhere in the Cape. The reason for this is due to the impact of parallel mountain ranges, which reduces the length of the diurnal. The vines are non-irrigated and produce grapes that are particularly small berried providing a high skin to juice ratio. It is a unique terroir and consistently produces great fruit.

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