

De Wetshof Bon Vallon Chardonnay 2003

International Wine & Spirit Competition 2004 - Silver

Wine Spectator - March 2004 - 87/100 Points

Veritas 2003 - Gold

An unwooded Chardonnay matured on the lees, producing a fresh, lemony flavoured wine with a yeasty nutty aftertaste.



variety : Chardonnay | 100% Chardonnay

winery :

winemaker : Danie de Wet

wine of origin : Breede River

analysis : alc : 12.9 % vol rs : 2.7 g/l pH : 3.15 ta : 7.0 g/l va : 0.26 g/l so2 : 58 mg/l fso2 : 33 mg/l

type : White **style :** Dry **body :** Full **taste :** Fruity

pack : Bottle

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Swiss International Airline Wine Awards 2003 South Africa - Bronze medal

in the vineyard : Climate: Winter rainfall approximately 300 mm per annum. Summer afternoons are fanned by a cool breeze from the Agulhas Coast. Nights are chilly and mist often shrouds the vineyards until late morning during high summer.

Soils: The gravelly soils are extremely rich in lime with a very high pH - similar to soils of the leading wine growing regions in the world.

Irrigation: The vineyards are scientifically irrigated with the aid of a fully computerised irrigation system. Thanks to the most modern technology, irrigation on De Wetshof has been turned into an asset promoting the quality of the grapes.

Rainfall: Robertson is a winter rainfall area with approximately 300 mm per annum.

Pest Control: Due to a very dry climate, spraying is minimal compared to other wine growing regions.

Rootstock: Richter 99, 110, 101/14

Age of the vines: 11-18 years

Vines per hectare: 4000

Trellising style: 6 Wire fence system cordon with spur pruning

about the harvest: The Bon Vallon Chardonnay is selected from specific clones. Tons per hectare yield: 8 Tons

in the cellar : The wine is tank fermented, after which it is left on the lees for a few months, being stirred weekly until bottling.

Danie de Wet adjusts his methods of winemaking from year to year, according to weather conditions and grape quality, in the belief that wine is made in the vineyard and not in the cellar.

Cooper: French oak barrels for De Wetshof are specially selected from specific coopers to enhance the quality of the fruit.