



ROBERTSON WINERY



ESTD 1941

CHARDONNAY

VINTAGE

The 2010 vintage again promises wines of excellent quality. Following a good winter with above average rainfall, the growing season commenced with cooler than average temperatures, above average rainfall and substantial wind. These conditions prevailed until November and as a result the vineyard growth was moderate and Downy mildew a threat. Our efficient disease forecasting model assisted growers to react proactively to prevent crop losses. Contrary to the global warming trend, the cool conditions continued through the harvest period with only a few hot days in-between. From December the rainy weather abated with the exception of a thunderstorm and heavy rain during February. The drier weather meant healthy grapes of excellent quality delivered to the cellar but due to the moderate growth and high wind, the berry size was reduced allowing for a smaller crop with excellent concentration of flavour and colour.

VINEYARDS

Chardonnay is an early ripening variety and the first Chardonnay grapes were harvested and brought to the cellar during the first week of February. Our Chardonnay vines are mostly planted higher on the foothills of the mountains, on gravelly Karoo soils with some clay and lime fractions. The high lime content ensures a healthy well-drained growing medium for our vines. It also ensures that the expression of Chardonnay character is enhanced.

WINEMAKING

Grapes were harvested at a very ripe stage between 23,5° - 25°B from a selection of vineyards in the Robertson Valley. Twenty percent of the blend was fermented on wood and the balance in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks at 12°C for 19 days. Wine was left on the lees for 80 days to add complexity. Twenty percent of the wine was matured on French oak for 6 months.

WINEMAKER'S COMMENT

The balance of the fresh citrus fruits and rich melon characters give the wine a full rounded palate that combines well with the subtle creaminess and nuttiness of the gentle oak. The natural acidity follows through to a fresh and clean finish. Enjoy now with seafood, salmon, roast chicken, Thai-food and pork.

VINTAGE
REGION
WINEMAKER
YIELD (TON/HA)
ALCOHOL
PH
TOTAL ACIDITY
RESIDUAL SUGAR
OAK MATURATION
FERMENTATION TEMP
CELLARING POTENTIAL
SERVING TEMPERATURE
ALLERGENS
ACCREDITATIONS:
ISO 22000
British Retail Consortium

2010
ROBERTSON
FRANCOIS WEICH
12 TONS
13.07%
3,5
5,32
6,6
20% FOR 6 MONTHS
13° - 15°C
2009 - 2010
8° - 10°C
CONTAINS SULPHITES

