

THE DOME CHARDONNAY 2024

THE HARVEST

The 2024 season will be remembered for significant rainfall at the start of the season, but little-to-no rainfall from the end of September to mid-February. Coupled with warm summer temperatures, these conditions accelerated the ripening of early cultivars, which led to lighter yields for early cultivars and, in certain cases, less available irrigation water. The dry conditions, however, produced grapes of excellent quality. Superb wines for the 2024 vintage are anticipated.

IN THE VINEYARD

Altitude: 200m above sea level, and close to the Lourens River.

Age of vines: 19-23 years

Rootstock: 101-14 Mgt

Clones: CY95, CY548, CY 951

Slopes: Situated on a slight Western facing slope

Row direction: South-West to North-East

Soil type: Tukululo soil

ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 13.5 vol %

pH: 3.51

Total acid: 6.5 g/l

RS: 2.4 g/l

Closure: Hand selected quality cork

WINE INFORMATION

Cultivar: Chardonnay

Wood: 65% of the wine was fermented in barrels of which 20% were new Burgundian barrels and 43% in 2nd and 3rd fill barrels as well as a 2500L Foudre. The wine spent 11 months on its primary lees with intermittent barrel rolling to stir up the lees and release the manno-proteins in the yeast cells that adds flavour and structure to the final wine. 35% of the wine fermented in stainless steel tanks and matured for 11 months on the fine lees in tanks before being blended back with the wood components and spent another month together in tank to integrate before bottling.

TASTING NOTE

Ripe pineapple, melon and orange blossom flavours dominates on the nose supported by hints of lemon rind and dried apricots. Flavours of white peach, cashew nuts and caramel linger on the pallet. The wine has a brilliant linear acidity and dominant dense core with layered sweetness due to the natural fermentation component. The roundness on the palate and a beautifully integrated texture of the oak flavours supported by a creamy finish coats your mouth and make you want to spend more time in the presence of this big and balanced wine.

FOOD PAIRING

The wine can match up to strongly flavoured food such as duck à l'orange and rich sauces, such as a walnut or hollandaise sauce, provided that it is not too lemony. It is particularly good with crayfish thermidor or smoked haddock in a creamy, saffron sauce. It is equally good with salmon (fresh or smoked), scallops, crabs and with fish, seafood or corn chowders enriched with egg yolk and cream. If you're feeling extravagant, try the wondrous combination of a fresh crab or lobster risotto topped with truffle shavings.


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