

BABYLONSTOREN

TASTING NOTES

CHARDONNAY 2023

ALCOHOL 14% **RS** 1.8 g/l **TA** 6.4 g/l **pH** 3.34

AREA OF PRODUCTION On the slopes of the Simonsberg Mountain between the wine-growing areas of Franschoek, Stellenbosch and Paarl, Western Cape, South Africa.

SOIL COMPOSITION Klapmuts/Longlands type soils of Malmesbury shale origin.

VINIFICATION AND PRODUCTION SYSTEM Grapes were whole-bunch pressed and inoculated in stainless steel tanks. On the third day after fermentation started, the wine was transferred to 300-litre French oak barrels – 35% new and 65% second fill. After fermentation, the wine was kept on the primary lees for about three to four months and was batonnaged every week. It was then racked and returned to the barrels for another six months, totalling 10 months before being bottled.

ORGANOLEPTIC DESCRIPTION Dry, full-bodied white wine.

COLOUR Golden straw with good depth.

BOUQUET A rich nose of lemon curd and freshly baked butter biscuits. The beautifully fruity core is perfectly balanced by layers of oak spice, vanilla and roasted almonds in the image of the best white Burgundy.

TASTE Supple with fresh acidity and an underlying minerality, which adds focus and length to the finish.

SERVING TEMPERATURE Chilled, 11–12°C (51–53°F).

PRESERVATION Ready to be enjoyed within the year of production, but will mature well for the next four to six years.

GASTRONOMIC SUGGESTIONS The elegance and substance of the wine will complement mushroom risotto, creamy pasta dishes, rich fish dishes, hollandaise-based dishes and also steak béarnaise.



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