

RIETVALLEI

WINE ESTATE

CLASSIC COLLECTION

Rietvallei Classic Chardonnay 2018

VITICULTURE

The Chardonnay vines are planted on a southeast-facing slope in calcareous soil. The vines are all trellised and under micro irrigation and were established from 1983 to 1999.

WINEMAKING

The grapes are harvested by machine at optimum ripeness (23-24°Balling) at the coldest part of the day, which is from 02:00 – 10:00 am in the morning. In the cellar only the free-run juice is used and allowed to cold settle for two days. The clean juice is then racked and 50% is taken to stainless steel fermentation tanks where it is allowed to natural ferment (wild yeast) and the fermentation temperature controlled between 16-17 °C. The other 50% of the juice is fermented (also wild yeast) in second-fill French Oak barrels. After fermentation, both components are left on the lees for at least six months, stirred weekly before final blending and bottling.

THE WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

This is lightly oaked but fruity Chardonnay. On the nose is ripe citrus with a touch of toasted oak. The palate is rich and creamy with a good balance between fruit, oak and acidity and finishes with a lingering aftertaste.

FOOD PAIRING & SERVING SUGGESTION:

Pair with grilled fish or chicken or any other seafood or poultry dishes.
Serve chilled (7-10°C).



WINE ANALYSIS

RESIDUAL SUGAR:	3.2 g/l	Alcohol:	13.30%	Acidity:	6.5 g/l
PH:	3.28	VA:	0.38 g/l	Total Extract:	25.4 g/l
TOTAL SO₂:	130 mg/l	Free SO₂:	42 mg/l		

PACKAGING DETAILS

BOTTLE VOLUME:	750ml	EAN 750ML BOTTLE BARCODE:	6009673831243
CASE SIZE:	6 x 750ml	EAN 6X750ML CASE BARCODE:	6009673831250
PALLET SIZE:	90 x 6 x 750ml	UPC 750ML BOTTLE BARCODE (USA ONLY):	89673300036-9
CASE WEIGHT:	7.67 kg	UPC 6X750ML CASE BARCODE (USA ONLY):	89673300037-6
CLOSURE:	Stelvin (Screw-cap)		