WEATHER CONDITIONS – Simonsberg, Stellenbosch
Great year although “fast” (early harvest)
Yields for Chardonnay were high
Thanks to sufficient cold units, full dormancy break was achieved.
Bud break occurred 2 weeks early
Warmer days and cooler nights in December caused harvest to be 2 weeks early
Low pH levels and good acids characterise the harvest.

WINEMAKING
The grapes were whole bunch pressed. The juice was transferred to new and second fill 500L barrels after a brief settling. It was naturally fermented and then left for 9 months on its lees. Total time in barrel was 10 months.

GRAPE VARIETIES
100% Chardonnay

PRODUCTION
3,833 cases – 23,000 bottles

ANALYSIS
Alcohol: 13% Vol.
pH: 3.1
Total Acidity: 7.1 g/L
Residual Sugar: 2.7 g/L

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