

ATLAS SWIFT

PREMIUM WINES



Cape South Coast Chardonnay 2021

WINEMAKER	Martin Smith
COMPOSITION	100% Chardonnay
ORIGIN	Onder-Duiwenhoksriver – Cape South Coast
AGE OF VINES	10 years
IRRIGATION	Supplemental / drip
SOIL TYPE	Limestone and chalk
PRODUCTION VOLUME	1092 x 750ml
AGEING POTENTIAL	6 to 8 years from vintage

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Winter was colder than usual, with heavy rains. Challenging weather conditions led to a smaller crop, but enabled producers to truly make cool climate wines of exceptional quality.

VINIFICATION

The grapes were harvested by hand, whole bunch pressed and transferred to French oak barrels (20% new and the balance made up of 2nd and 3rd fill oak) where it underwent spontaneous fermentation. The wine was fermented and matured in oak for a total period of 12 months, with lees stirring twice a week to enhance the texture. Only 20% underwent malolactic fermentation to retain the freshness. After bottling, the wine was aged for a further 12 months prior to its release.

TASTING NOTES

Bright golden-green hues, with forthcoming aromas of lemon peel, limes and orange citrus zest, supported by subtle whiffs of brioche. The acidity is well integrated, with an explosion of lime and lemon fruit on the mid palate. The limestone-rich soils in which the vineyard grows, bring forth a flinty, mineral and saline edge to the lengthy finish.

ALC 12.95% | RS 1.99 g/l | TA 5.29 g/l | VA 0.37 g/l | pH 3.49 | FREE SO₂ 21 mg/l | TOTAL SO₂ 118 mg/l

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