# ATLAS SWIFT

PREMIUM WINES



# Robertson Chardonnay 2019

WINEMAKER Martin Smith

COMPOSITION 100% Chardonnay

ORIGIN Robertson
AGE OF VINES 15 years

IRRIGATION Supplemental / drip

SOIL TYPE Limestone
PRODUCTION VOLUME 865 x 750ml

AGEING POTENTIAL 5 to 7 years from vintage

#### **VINTAGE CONDITIONS**

The dry and windy 2019 season was aided by Robertson's Mediterranean climate to cool the vineyards down sufficiently at night, helping to retain acidity during a very tricky vintage.

## **VINIFICATION**

The grapes were harvested by hand, whole bunch pressed and transferred to French oak barrels (20% new and the balance made up of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 hues, with aromas of ripe citrus peel, orange blossom and yellow peaches. The palate displays fleshy stone fruit characters, and the rich and creamy texture is balanced by a bright seam of acidity. A complex wine with lingering flavours of golden apples on the finish.