# ATLAS SWIFT

PREMIUM WINES



## Shelter Chardonnay 2019

WINEMAKER Martin Smith

COMPOSITION 100% Chardonnay

ORIGIN Cape South Coast, Cederberg,

Robertson, Wellington

AGE OF VINES 4 - 15 years

IRRIGATION Supplemental / drip and dry-land

SOIL TYPE Limestone / schist / sandstone / shale

PRODUCTION VOLUME 7745 x 750ml

AGEING POTENTIAL 5 to 7 years from vintage

#### **VINTAGE CONDITIONS**

The 2020 vintage was characterised by sufficient cold and wet units during the previous winter, with favourable weather throughout the harvest season.

### **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**

Upfront aromas of ripe citrus, burnt orange and lemon curd. Sultry flavours of grapefruit and hazelnuts on the palate, with a bright acidity to compliment the creamy vanilla flavours. Flavours of freshly baked brioche and yeasty notes on the lengthy finish.

ALC 13.21% | RS 2.80 g/l | TA 5.90 g/l | VA 0.56 g/l | pH 3.52 | FREE SO2 13 mg/l | TOTAL SO2 104 mg/l