



Bartinnay Hourglass Chardonnay 2021

Terroir

Bartinnay Wine Estate is nestled against the steep slopes of Botmaskop in the Banghoek valley. The 29Ha farm comprising 17Ha of vineyards and a floral kingdom of fynbos and indigenous trees, has a uniform terroir. Well drained, deep red gritty soils provide an excellent medium for vineyards to produce good quality grapes.

Harvest and Winemaking Information

A long cold and wet winter extended into spring delaying bud break. A moderate heat pattern with little wind resulted in even flowering, fruitset and slow ripening. The crop was smaller than average and so also were the berry size, possibly due to the cool delayed spring. Picking was about 10 – 14 days later than usual. This condensed overview of the 2021 vintage pictures condition for making intensely flavored wines with long aging potential

The first vines planted on Bartinnay, was Chardonnay, planted in 1990. These are also the highest plantings on the estate. The steep slopes, on which the vines grow, let the grapes ripen at different stages. Each batch is picked when we believe they are fully ripe. The picked grapes are crushed, the juice is settled for 2 days, and then transferred to 225l oak barrels. The barrel blend is up to 50% new. The toasting is very light (blond), and the wood grain extra tight, to avoid overly toast and smoke characteristics which will mask the wines 'fruit flavour. After fermentation, a portion of the wine goes through spontaneous malolactic fermentation. The wine matures for about 11 months in barrel before it is racked, blended and bottled.

Tasting Notes

This wine displays a concentrated and layered nose with aromatic ripe yellow citrus and a hint of roasted cashews. The almost masculine oak structure, is very present, yet the creamy lingering aftertaste centres the focus back to the expansive fruit expression .

Technical Analysis

Alcohol: 13.5 %
Residual Sugar: 2 g/L
Total Acidity: 6. g/L
pH: 3.4

Vineyard Information

Soil: Oakleaf and Tukulu
Aspect: North to North East,
Elevations: 400 m-550 m above sea level
Total Hectare: 3 ha
Rootstock: Richter 99

