

## Mellasad Chardonnay 2014



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| VARIETAL COMPOSITION:     | 100% Chardonnay   |
| VINEYARD LOCATION:        | On the farm Dekkersvlei in Klein Drakenstein near Paarl at 254 meters above sea level |
| VINE AGE:                 | 12 Years  |
| SOIL:                     | Decomposed Granite  |
| AVERAGE YIELD:            | 8.17 tonnes per hectare   |
| IRRIGATION:               | The vines are trellised with drip irrigation  |
| HARVEST:                  | 7th February 2013   |
| AGING:                    | Average of 3 <sup>rd</sup> fill 300li French oak barrels for eleven months            |
| TOTAL ACIDITY:            | 6.04 g/li   |
| RESIDUAL SUGAR:           | 1.43 g/li   |
| ALCOHOL:                  | 13.45 % vol   |
| SERVING TEMP:             | Between 10/12 °C  |
| FOOD PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: | Oysters, crayfish, smoked salmon and chicken salad.                                   |

### WINEMAKING:

The grapes were pressed by pneumatic bag press and juice settlement undertaken for 2 days. The must was then transferred to 300li French (average third fill) oak barrels. Yeast (Vason Premium Chardonnay) was inoculated then fermented for approximately 28 days at an average temperature of 17 degrees C. Malolactic fermentation was partially encouraged in barrel after the alcoholic fermentation and the lees stirred (batonnage).

A bentonite and PVPP fining was used to protein stabilise and clarify the wine prior to bottling.

No filtering of the wine was undertaken except at bottling when a medium filtration (split AF70/110) was undertaken.

### BACK LABEL DESCRIPTION READS:-

*"A classic barrel fermented wine made from this noble variety. Further maturation in French oak barrels for eleven months together with batonnage (lees stirring) gives this wine a suppleness on the palate balanced with citrus zest and almondine brioche. This wine can be enjoyed now or aged further if required."*

### TASTING NOTES & AWARDS:

**Platter's South African Wine Guide:** 3 ½\* Apple and almond aromas & flavors mingle in appetizing, lightly oaked. Attractive creamy texture, bone-dry lemon & pistachio farewell.