DELAIRE GRAFF ESTATE CHARDONNAY, BANGHOEK RESERVE

100% Chardonnay. Bright pale golden straw color. Aromas of sweet tropical limes, white peaches and spice. Elegant, with layered flavors of citrus, vanilla, peaches and honeycomb. Crisp and fresh. A hint of minerality adds to lingering finish. A great partner to food!

From Delaire Graff Estate mountain vineyards, the grapes were handpicked in the early hours over various ripening periods. Picking criteria was based on flavor to ensure optimal sugar concentration and balance of acidity. Extensive bunch sorting of the grapes formed part of the quality management process. The grapes were whole bunch pressed and barrel fermented for 14 days. Maturation took place in French barrels (40% new) for 10 months. In order to retain freshness, no batonage or malolactic fermentation took place.

Delaire Graff Estate is situated in the heart of Stellenbosch, South Africa's most historic and prestigious wine region. The estate was founded in 1679 by Simon van der Stel, whose sound knowledge of viticulture and the art of winemaking fostered traditions that have grown through the centuries. In 1982, John Platter, the well-known wine writer, bought the estate, then known as Avontuur. Looking at the magnificent view, he decided to rename the farm Delaire Estate, meaning "From the Sky." Laurence Graff acquired the estate in 2003 and vowed to transform it into South Africa's most desirable art, hospitality and wine destination. With winemaker Morné Vrey, Delaire Graff Estate creates red wines that are big in structure, with soft tannins and elegance, and white wines that capture the freshness of the harvest. With one of the most advanced cellars in the Southern Hemisphere, Delaire Graff is now rated as one of the top ten wine producers in South Africa.

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Shelf Talker:

