

ESTATE DE WETSHOF BON VALLON CHARDONNAY



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Located 100 miles north of Cape Town, South Africa, the Robertson Valley is characterized by cold winters and sunny summers. The vineyards are ideally located on the slopes overlooking the Breede River, surrounded by mountains. In summer, the mountains funnel in a fresh southerly breeze that has a cooling effect, allowing the grapes to ripen evenly and in perfect balance. The nights are chilly and the vineyards are often shrouded in mist until late morning. Its dry climate and bracing breeze keeps pests to a minimum. The heavy clay component complements an abundance of free limestone in the soil, ensuring excellent water-retention and adding structure and fullness to the wines. The vines are 10-20 years old. The grapes are picked in the coolness of morning, with the emphasis on capturing the natural complexities of the grape immediately. Once de-stemming, pressing, and overnight settling are complete, the juice is racked-off from the sediment and pumped into stainless steel tanks for fermentation. After fermentation, the wine is left on the lees for 4 months under controlled temperatures, during which the lees are stirred weekly.

The De Wet family's winemaking heritage can be traced back to 1694, when the first De Wets arrived at the Cape and immediately made a mark on the South African wine industry. De Wetshof is a third-generation wine estate in South Africa's Robertson Valley, where wine has been made for over 150 years. Here Danie de Wet (proprietor and Cellar Master), is assisted by his sons and co-owners Johann (viticulture and marketing) and Peter (winemaker). De Wetshof Estate is a pioneer of noble white wines in South Africa and has also introduced superior red cultivars to the Robertson Wine Valley. De Wetshof's wines express the uniqueness of the Estate's soils and meticulous attention to detail. The state-of-the-art technology ensures that the work in the cellar complements the vineyard's natural gifts.

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Tasting Note:

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Shelf Talker:

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