



## Meerlust Chardonnay 2021

main variety Chardonnay

vintage 2021

analysis alc: 13.23 | ph: 3.27 | rs: 3.05 | ta: 7.09

type White	producer Meerlust Estate
style Dry	winemaker Wim Truter
taste Fragrant	wine of Stellenbosch
body Medium	

### tasting notes

Very bright pale-yellow colour with green, vivacious hue. Complex, appealing nose of apricot, peach, pear, lemon zest and floral notes with hints of toasted almonds. On the palate the wine is well structured and linear but retains generous focused stone fruit flavours with sleek, balanced, and crisp acidity. The wine remains vivacious and fresh on the finish with clean citrus fruit under pinned by minerality. The wine has a long, very pleasant lingering finish.

### ageing potential

Up to six years, provided wine is stored in ideal cellar conditions.

### blend information

100% Chardonnay

### food suggestions

Grilled fish, white and red meat

### in the vineyard

Sourced from 6 different vineyard blocks situated on the Estate. The oldest vineyards were planted in 2007 on predominantly decomposed granite soils giving a greater fruit expression. Vineyards planted on the lower weathered shale and greywacke soils express more citrus and delicate fruit aromas. The vineyards are mostly planted on Northeast and west facing slopes. Due to the prevailing breeze from the cool False Bay coast, located 5km away the temperature during the growing season is more moderate.

### in the cellar

Picking of grapes were done by a team of experienced pickers ensuring optimal selection of fruit. After pressing, the juice was settled overnight and racked with some fine solids to barrel where fermentation took place. A mix of 50% new and 50% second fill 300lt barrels was used and fermentation was either with selected yeast or through natural spontaneous fermentation. After fermentation, the wine was given a racking to remove the heavy lees and returned to barrel for maturation. The wine was matured until it reached the desired mouth feel and complexity. After removing the wine from barrel, it underwent a light fining before bottling.