



Jordan Nine Yards Chardonnay 2011

THE WINES OF  
**JORDAN**  
STELLENBOSCH



#### BACKGROUND

*The Ultimate Expression of Jordan Terroir. The Nine Yards Chardonnay is made in a reserve style, from barrel selection from our best vineyard site. Stylistically different to our Jordan Chardonnay, with this wine we went “The whole nine yards”!*

#### LOCATION & CLIMATE

The distinct ravine which embodies Stellenbosch Kloof harnesses all the qualities of a well-orientated compass. Varying elevations and aspects allows us to grow a selection of classic varieties to specific sites that optimise this expression through their location. The cooler south- and east-facing aspects, unique in Stellenbosch, hosts the more sensitive and aromatic white-skinned grape varieties.

Stellenbosch Kloof enjoys a cooler Mediterranean climate with maritime influences from False Bay, 14km to the south, and a refreshing breeze channelled from the West Coast’s Benguela current 24km to the north-west. These two breezes culminate at the top end of the ravine and bring in early morning mists, especially from False Bay. Consequently, temperatures in our meso-climate can be measured at least 3° Celsius cooler than inland Stellenbosch during ripening periods. This adds a unique characteristic to Jordan wines.

#### APPELLATION

Wine of Origin Stellenbosch.

#### SOIL

Decomposed granite (Hutton and Glenrosa soil form).

#### ASPECT

East-facing, 250—280m above sea level.

#### AGE OF VINES

21 years old.

#### BLEND

100% Chardonnay

#### ANALYSIS

**Alc:** 13.5%

**Total Acid:** 6.8g/l

**pH:** 3.33

**Residual Sugar:** 2.6g/l

#### TASTING NOTES

Butterscotch, spicy cloves, lemon/lime and orange peel with complex mineral citrus flavours. A rich mouthfeel and subtly balanced toasty French oak integrate with the long, tropical peach and melon finish. After a light filtration, the wine was bottled.

#### HARVESTING

The grapes were harvested on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February – 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2011 at 22 – 23.4°B.

#### CLONES

Burgundian & Davis

#### WINEMAKING & MATURATION

Crushed and pressed immediately after de-stemming, the juice was barrel-fermented in traditional 228-litre French oak barrels (92% new and 8% second fill) from selected Burgundian cooperages (Damy, Chassin and Rousseau). The barrels were inoculated with a selection of French yeast. A percentage of the wine went through natural fermentation. The wine was matured “sur lie” for 12 months, with regular barrel-rolling to accentuate the rich, leesy character.

#### ACCOLADES

2013- Double Gold at Veritas Wine Awards

2013- Gold at the 2014 UK Sommelier Wine Awards

2012- Silver at Veritas Wine Awards

2012- Outstanding Silver at International Wine & Spirits

#### FOOD SUGGESTION

Poached veal with béarnaise sauce or butternut ravioli with mushroom sauce and truffle oil.