

THE WINES OF
JORDAN
STELLENBOSCH



Jordan Nine Yards Chardonnay 2018

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

28 years old.

BLEND

100% Chardonnay

ANALYSIS

Alc: 13.%

Total Acid: 5.5g/l

pH: 3.43

Residual Sugar: 2.3g/l

TASTING NOTES

A style characterised by refreshing linear acidity and mouthfilling fruit textures. Classic Nine Yards flavours with lime citrus and fragrant oak spice.

HARVESTING

Between 21st of February & 22nd of March 2018

CLONES

Burgundian & Davis

WINEMAKING & MATURATION

Crushed and pressed immediately after de-stemming, the juice was barrel-fermented in traditional 228-litre French oak barrels (70% new and 30% second, third and fourth 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 10 months, with regular barrel-rolling to accentuate the rich, leesy character.

ACCOLADES

2017– 4.5 stars in Platters Wine Guide 2019

2016– 93 points by Tim Atkin

2016– 92 points by Neil Martin

2016- Double Gold Top 100 Wine Awards

FOOD SUGGESTION

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