

# Bateleur Chardonnay 2012

DE WETSHOF, THE ROBERTSON VALLEY, SOUTH AFRICA



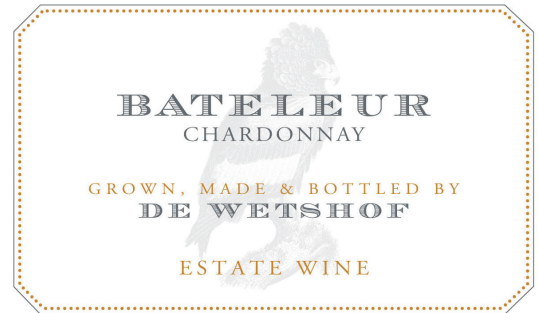
## HARVEST & VINTAGE NOTES

The Bateleur (*Terathopius ecaudatus*) is one of Africa's most majestic birds of prey. This wine was named after an eagle that is rare in both its beauty and occurrence as a tribute to the power and grace of a creature synonymous with our great continent.

The Bateleur Vineyard is one of the oldest Chardonnay vineyards in South Africa. It was planted in July 1987 from a very special selection of plant material which had been imported from Burgundy some years before. The size of the vineyard is 3,51Ha on which 13,668 vines are planted. Gravel soils originating from mountain rock rich in limestone and clay with a high pH allow this single vineyard Chardonnay to portray a spectrum of flavours framed in elegance and complexity, typical features of a classic Chardonnay. Citrus and pear-drop notes are complemented by an intriguing nuttiness, with elegant citrus on the finish. The Bateleur improves in dimension and complexity with age and under the correct storage conditions it can mature in the bottle for many years.

An elegantly muscular wine, Bateleur can be enjoyed with leg of lamb and other roasted red meat dishes, as well as with certain cheeses.

**93 POINTS:** Tim Atkin, South Africa 2014 Special Report



**GRAPES:** 100% Chardonnay

**ALCOHOL:** 13.58% vol

**RESIDUAL SUGAR:** 1.6 g/L

**PH:** 3.06

**TOTAL ACIDITY:** 7.3 g/L

**TOTAL SULPHUR:** 67 mg/L

**ANNUAL PRODUCTION:**  
1,500 cases x 6/750ml