

Vrede Chardonnay 2015

STORM WINES, HEMEL-EN-AARDE, HERMANUS, WESTERN CAPE, SOUTH AFRICA



HARVEST & VINTAGE NOTES

Vrede Chardonnay hails from a northeast facing slope in the Hemel-en-Aarde Valley with low-vigour, stony, clay-rich Bokkeveld shale soils.

The 2015 vintage was exceptional - two weeks earlier than usual and yielded unusually small bunches and berries with concentrated flavours and aromas. This natural fermented wine shows great balance and length from the natural acidity. Lemon meringue, spice and citrus aromas together with pear aromas give way to a long and dry mineral finish. Not flashy or overly fruity, but with crisp fruit, good length and minerality - characteristic of the site's low-vigour, stony, clay-rich Bokkeveld shale soils.

Wooding: 25% 1st fill, 75% 3rd fill, 228 litre, tight grain, French oak, 8 months

Coopers: 100% Francois Freres

Vineyard Yield: 3.0 t/ha, 21 hl/ha, 0.68 kg/vine

Bottling Date: January 2016

Release date: February 2016



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WINEMAKER: Hannes Storm

GRAPES: Chardonnay

ALCOHOL: 13.11%

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 1.82 g/L

PH: 3.38 g/L

TOTAL ACIDITY: 7.17 g/L

ANNUAL PRODUCTION:

150 cases X 6/750ml

