

## Zevenwacht Chardonnay | 2021

### About the Estate

Zevenwacht Wine Estate, situated on the beautiful **Stellenbosch Wine Route** is a modern wine farm with a 300 year history. Owned and managed by the Johnson Family, the Estate has a strong commitment to historic and cultural preservation, as well as conservation of the surrounding indigenous environment. Two prime farming locations provide the grapes for the Zevenwacht winery. The home vineyard on the Estate's panoramic 450 hectare maritime influenced property, supplies the majority of the grapes. The farm Zevenrivieren, situated at the crest of the Helshoogte Pass, provides winemakers, Hagen Viljoen and Charles Lourens, with a boutique selection of grapes that add to the fascinating variety of the wines.

<b>Wine Style</b>	:	<b>Elegant, Medium Bodied &amp; Barrel Fermented</b>
<b>When to Enjoy</b>	:	A wine to savour with lunch or dinner.
<b>How to Serve</b>	:	Chilled
<b>Our meal suggestions</b>	:	Delicious with rich seafood dishes and creamy pastas. A great food wine for you to be creative with.
<b>The wine itself</b>	:	Complex aromas of citrus, pear, and brioche with hints of honeysuckle and subtle oak spice. The palate is both concentrated and vibrant showing lime citrus and stone fruit with a creamy mid palate with a mineral finish.
<b>What about the grapes?</b>		100% Chardonnay grapes
<b>And the vineyards (terroir)</b>	:	The Chardonnay grapes are planted on some of the best South West facing slopes of the Polkadraai Hills. The two vineyards are lying at altitudes that range from 200-320 meters above sea level; these higher South West facing elevated slopes tend to give wines beautiful natural acidity, resulting in a pleasant pungency and longevity. The richness and full-bodied fruit has been accentuated by the open canopies of the vineyards during ripening. All these flavours are backed with a minerality from the decomposed granite soils of the Polkadraai Hills.
<b>How was it made</b>	:	The Chardonnay grapes were harvested at 22.5-23,5°Brix and whole bunch pressed. After pressing, the juice was settled and racked to first, second and third fill 300L and 500l barrels, where it fermented and matured for 10 months on the gross lees with occasional lees stirring to add mid-palate weight and texture. 20 % new barrels, 20 % 2 <sup>nd</sup> fill, 40% seasoned French oak barrels.
<b>Should this wine age / mature</b>	:	The wood maturation gives it potential to develop over 3-5 years
<b>Technical Facts</b>	:	<b>Grape Origin:</b> Polkadraai Hills, Stellenbosch <b>Grape Variety:</b> Chardonnay <b>Body:</b> Medium <b>Barrel Treatment:</b> 100% Barrel Fermented <b>ALC:</b> 13.4 % <b>RS:</b> 2.1g/l <b>TA:</b> 5.9 g/l <b>pH:</b> 3.38