EXCELSIOR
WINE ESTATE

CALCRETE CHARDONNAY 2024

The De Wets of Excelsior boast a proud winemaking tradition that dates back to 1697. Once, the calcareous soils of the Robertson area were employed in raising champion thoroughbred horses. Now, they serve as the foundation for producing fine wines. Calcrete Chardonnay is exclu- sive to the limestone-rich wine appellation of Robertson.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The winter was one of the driest on record. The spring season was moderate, yet still dry. This all changed in December, when one of the wettest summers on record began. With good canopy management and disease control, we managed to harvest a small but very healthy crop. Overall, 2023 is regarded as a very good quality harvest.

Blend: 100% Chardonnay

ANALYSIS:

Alcohol: 12.82%
Acidity: 6.4 g/l
pH: 3.28
Residual sugar: 1.5 g/l

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Sourced exclusively from the limestone-rich regions between Bonnievale and Robertson, Calcrete Chardonnay stands as a testament to the area's unique terroir. In this region, the unique terroir varies from calcareous outcrops to arid, fragmented shale, both of which are remnants of ancient petrified maritime deposits. Wines from the Calcrete region showcase a crystalline character, with nuances of wet stone, a saline palate, and hints of oyster shell minerality, all of which are accentuated by the linear, unwooded profile.

FOOD PAIRING BY IN-HOUSE CHEF

Salmon mousse served with crème fraîche and dill.

Produced and bottled by the De Wet Family over five Generations

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