



Glenelly

Estate Reserve Chardonnay by Glenelly is an exquisite expression of Stellenbosch's terroir, showcasing bright citrus, mineral purity, and a long, textured finish, perfect for those who value elegance and complexity in their white wines.



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Estate Reserve Chardonnay 2022

Stellenbosch, South Africa

Region and Vineyards

Located in the **Simonsberg ward of Stellenbosch**, Glenelly Estate enjoys an ideal climate for premium winemaking. The region benefits from a Mediterranean climate with warm days and cool nights, influenced by the **Atlantic Ocean breezes**. These conditions ensure a long growing season that allows the grapes to develop optimal flavor and acidity.

This vintage was marked by unique weather conditions. After a hot and dry post-harvest period in 2020, a **wet winter** followed, which, while not excessively cold, allowed the vines to enter dormancy. Bud break occurred **14 days later than usual**, and the moderate temperatures during flowering and fruit set resulted in lush canopies and extended ripening. This led to well-balanced fruit with excellent aromatic complexity and natural acidity.

Winemaking

The **Glenelly Estate Reserve Chardonnay** is crafted with meticulous care, emphasizing natural techniques to highlight the purest expression of the Chardonnay grape. After harvesting, the grapes were **whole-bunch pressed** to retain freshness and aromatics.

The juice was briefly settled before being transferred to **500-liter blond-toasted barrels**, a mix of new and second-fill French oak. Fermentation occurred naturally at varying temperatures, followed by **10 months of maturation on the lees**, with occasional stirring to enhance texture and depth. The total barrel aging period was **11 months**, creating a wine of balance, richness, and precision.

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Bright and crisp, with a pale gold hue.
- **Aroma:** A complex bouquet of **quince, citrus peel, lime**, and subtle notes of **butterscotch caramel**, with hints of **pear drop** adding depth.
- **Palate:** Lush and vibrant, featuring sharp **citrus and mineral flavors** that lead to a long, round, and textured finish.

Alcohol :13,50 %

Composition: 100% Chardonnay



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Did You Know?

Glenelly Estate was established in 2003 by **Madame May de Lencquesaing**, former owner of Château Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande in Bordeaux. Her vision was to create wines that combine the elegance of French tradition with the power of Stellenbosch terroir.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled lobster with lemon butter:** The wine's citrus and mineral profile beautifully complements the richness of the lobster.
- **Roast chicken with herb stuffing:** Its creamy texture and sharp acidity balance the savory flavors of the dish.
- **Goat cheese salad with pear and walnuts:** The wine's vibrant fruit and butterscotch nuances enhance the sweetness of the pears and the creaminess of the cheese.
- **Pan-seared scallops with a citrus glaze:** The bright citrus flavors mirror the dish's freshness while adding depth.



Robert Parker (RP) : **90 Points (2022)**

The 2022 Estate Reserve Chardonnay is clean and expressive, offering a fresh, citrus-forward profile. It blends herbal and floral notes with a well-integrated oak influence, driven by fresh acidity and hints of underripe pineapple. Light to medium-bodied with 12.5% alcohol, this Chardonnay features flavors of brioche, apples and a leesy complexity, finishing with a lingering note of snow pea. The Chardonnay matured for 11 months in 20% new oak, on lees, with 18% of the wine going through malolactic fermentation. It was then bottled and aged for an additional 12 months. A total of 47,585 bottles were produced.



James Suckling (JS) : **91 Points (2021)**

Aromas of lemon curd, flint and rosemary stem. Medium-bodied with fresh acidity and green apple and pear fruit. Nicely balanced with steady length.



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