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Glenelly Glass Collection Unoaked Chardonnay is a pristine expression of the grape, offering a vibrant balance of citrus peel, blossom, and a distinct minerality, all delivered with a silky, fresh finish.

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Alcohol :12,50 %

Composition: 100% Chardonnay

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Stellenbosch, South Africa

Region and Vineyards

The **Simonsberg sub-region of Stellenbosch**, situated in South Africa's renowned Western Cape, is celebrated for producing elegant and expressive wines. This region enjoys a **Mediterranean climate**, with cooling breezes from nearby False Bay tempering the warm days, creating ideal conditions for Chardonnay.

The soils of Simonsberg are predominantly **granite-based with clay elements**, offering excellent drainage while retaining essential moisture. This terroir fosters balanced vine growth, allowing the fruit to ripen slowly and develop concentrated flavors. The moderate conditions during the growing season ensure the retention of freshness and vibrant acidity, hallmarks of this Chardonnay.

Winemaking

Glenelly Glass Collection Unoaked Chardonnay is crafted to highlight the grape's purest qualities. After gentle **crushing and pressing**, the juice underwent fermentation in **stainless steel tanks**, with natural indigenous yeasts enhancing complexity. Two separate fermentation temperatures—**13°C and 16°C**—were used to preserve the wine's fresh character and aromatic profile.

To maintain its vibrant acidity and minerality, the wine did not undergo malolactic fermentation. It was aged on its **lees**, adding a creamy texture and depth, before bottling. This meticulous approach results in a Chardonnay that is both fresh and layered, without the influence of oak.

Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Bright and brilliant with a slight green tint.
- **Aroma**: Aromatic layers of **blossom**, **citrus peel**, and a distinctive **limestone minerality**.
- **Palate**: Fresh and round with a comforting texture, featuring intense citrus and mineral complexity that lingers on the finish.

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Did you know?

The **Glass Collection** reflects the artistic vision of Glenelly's founder, **May de Lencquesaing**, who was inspired by the transparency and timeless beauty of glass. This unoaked Chardonnay embodies her philosophy of crafting wines that celebrate purity and elegance.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled Sole with Lemon Butter**: The wine's citrus notes harmonize beautifully with the delicate flavors of the fish and lemon.
- **Spring Vegetable Salad with Goat Cheese**: Its fresh minerality balances the earthy tones of the vegetables and the tanginess of the cheese.
- **Pasta with Creamy Alfredo Sauce**: The creamy texture of the wine complements the richness of the sauce while its acidity cuts through the fat.
- **Sushi and Sashimi**: The wine's crisp and clean profile enhances the delicate flavors of fresh seafood.

Robert Parker (RP) : 88 Points (2021)

Closed under a screw cap, the 2021 The Glass Collection Unwooded Chardonnay is focused, bright and mineral-driven with layers of citrus and leesy notes. Medium-bodied, the palate offers a delicate rocky, mineral essence and lingers with a bright, uncomplicated finish. This is meant for speed, not distance. Get it well chilled and drink it young.