



DE WETSHOF
ESTATE

BON VALLON CHARDONNAY

ROBERTSON VALLEY, SOUTH AFRICA

2021



De Wetshof is a third generation wine estate in South Africa's Robertson Valley, where wine has been made for over 150 years. This family owned estate is a pioneer of noble white wines in South Africa, and has also introduced superior red cultivars to the Robertson Wine Valley.

VITICULTURE/VINIFICATION

The Robertson Valley is characterised by cold winters and sunny summers. The dry climate and bracing breeze keep pests to a minimum, resulting in sparse spraying programmes. Rocky, mountain gravel soil with an abundance of free limestone and complemented with a slight clay component assisting in the water hold capacity of the soil.

Grapes are picked in the coolness of morning, emphasis on capturing the natural complexities of the Chardonnay grape immediately for the making of this unwooded wine. Once de-stemming, pressing and overnight settling are complete, the juice is racked-off from the sediment and pumped into stainless steel tanks for the alcohol fermentation. After fermentation the wine is left on the lees under controlled temperatures. Weekly stirring of the lees ensures maximum flavors are released into the wine until ready for bottling.

TASTING NOTES

An unwooded wine, Bon Vallon has a brisk and clean freshness leading into a wide spectrum of classic flavors including citrus, wild flowers and grilled nuts, with a nuanced minerality on the aftertaste.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

VARIETALS:	100% Chardonnay
ALC:	13.73%
RS:	2.52 g/L
TOTAL ACIDITY:	7.39 g/L
PH:	3.4

SCORES

90 points, James Suckling, December 2021

90 points, Vinous, November 2021

