



Site Specific Excellence

VINEYARD Name / Spes Bona

PLANTED	CLONE
2011	CY55

TONNES / Hectare	ROOTSTOCK
4.5 tonnes	USVIT 8-7

**SOIL** Chalky, lime rich rocky soils with excellent drainage.

**VINEYARD ASPECT** Grapes are hand harvested at night from 2am in the morning. This is the coolest period of the day and it allows for the grapes to be picked and delivered to the winery before sunrise. To further enhance the attributes of the Chardonnay, the USVIT 8/7 rootstock was selected as it performs well in chalky soils and the CY55 clone naturally delivers a low yield and offers concentrated flavours of tropical fruit and vanilla spice.

**HARVEST NOTES** Once the grapes have been delivered to the winery, the grapes are gently crushed and the free run juice raked to stainless steel tanks and the fermentation begins with the addition of selected yeasts. Before the fermentation is completed, the wine is moved to new French oak barrels. This final process is called barrel fermentation and it helps to provide additional mouthfeel and complexity to the wines.

**CELLAR MASTER NOTES** After the fermentation is complete the wine is left in barrel for a period of 6 months on the fine lees. This period of lees contact is important as it improves the weight and texture of the wine as well as providing additional complexity. The new French oak barrels are the perfect vessel for our Chardonnay to mature and develop complex vanilla spice flavours. The fine lees are stirred weekly in the barrels to ensure that the wine experiences even contact with the lees. This process is called batonage.

**TASTING NOTES** Decadent and delicious, this is a well-balanced and generous Chardonnay that combines flavours of ripe peach, melon, tropical pineapple, zesty lime and rich vanilla spice on the finish.

**ANALYSIS** Alc: 13.9% / R/S: 2g/l / T/A: 7.1g/l / pH: 3.13

**ACCOLADES**

- 2023 Michelangelo International Wine Awards, Double Gold (2022 Vintage)
- 2023 Tim Atkin MW South Africa Special Report, 90 Points (2022 Vintage)
- 2023 Platter's Wine Guide awarded 2022, 4 ½ Stars (2021 vintage)
- 2022 Michelangelo International Wine and Spirits Awards Platinum (2021 vintage)
- 2022 National Wine Challenge Double Gold (2020 vintage)
- 2022 Platter's Wine Guide awarded 2021, 4 ½ Stars (2019 vintage)
- 2021 National Wine Championship, Double Platinum (2020 vintage)
- 2021 De Grote Hamersma, Gold (-g) (2020 vintage)
- 2021 James Suckling Awards, 92 points (2020 Vintage)
- 2021 Wine of the Month (25 October) 1st place.
- 2021 Decanter Awards, 92/100, (2020 vintage)
- 2021 Platter's Wine Guide awarded in 2020, 4 ½ Stars (2019 vintage)
- 2020 Michelangelo International Wine and Spirits Awards, Platinum

