



Running Stream Chardonnay, Black Falls 2019 Western Cape, Robertson Valley

Ciconia Beverage, South Africa

eCommerce # 912468 | 12.5% alc./vol. | \$24.95

Light straw colour in the glass. An elegant and complex unwooded Chardonnay with pineapple and quince aromas on the nose underlined by fine citrus flavours and subtle creaminess. Medium bodied on the palate with good depth of flavour and a crisp, satisfying aftertaste.

History & Terroir:

The story dates to 1688, when the first French Huguenots arrived in the Cape of Good Hope, of which one of them was Gideon Malherbe. In 1894 a 7th generation descendent bought the farm Running Stream. Today the 13th generation of Malherbe's in South Africa with the 6th generation treasuring this small piece of land and produce this limited quantity boutique wine.

Vines are planted in lime rich soils on Perold trellises at 270 meter above sea level, on the eastern slopes of the mountain. Drip irrigation is used to control the water intake in our current drought-stricken climate. With the sun rising late morning over the mountain, grapes are covered by shade till much later in the day and at night get cooled down by the Seabreeze from the Indian Ocean.



Vinification:

Hand harvested. Only the free-run juice is used for further wine production. Natural fermentation with minimal interference and is stirred on the fine lees once a week. After 6 months of ageing in stainless steel tanks, the wine undergoes its first filtration during the mobile bottling run.

Variety: Chardonnay 100%

Residual Sugar: 2.3 g/L

Serving suggestion and food pairing: Serve at 12°C. Enjoy with tandoori butter chicken or grilled line fish, pastas or pork.