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## DELAIRE GRAFF ESTATE TERRACED BLOCK RESERVE CHARDONNAY 2018

### VINTAGE CHARACTERISTICS

Faced with severe drought, the challenging conditions of the 2018 harvest resulted in one of the smallest yields in years. Yet despite the significant difficulties, the cooler ripening period and smaller crops produced berries with concentrated flavour and intense colour providing wines of notable quality.

### VINEYARDS & HARVEST

From a single terraced estate vineyard, with a combination of North and East facing vines. Vineyard produced small concentrated berries with a yield of five tons per hectare. Grapes were handpicked at optimal ripeness.

### GRAPE VARIETALS

100% Chardonnay

### VINIFICATION

Extensive bunch sorting of the grapes formed part of the quality management process. The grapes were whole bunch pressed and barrel fermented for 14 days. Maturation took place in 225 litre 40% new French barrels for 10 months. No batonage or malolactic fermentation took place, in order to retain freshness.

### TASTING NOTES

An expressive bouquet of smoky floral and citrus notes on the nose. On the palate, almonds, pears and passion fruit are supported by a crisp acidity and fine spicy minerals.

### WINE OF ORIGIN

Banghoek, South Africa

### WINE ANALYSIS

Residual Sugar: 1.7 g/l  
pH: 3.13

Total Acidity: 7.0 g/l  
Alcohol: 13.5%

