

CAPENSIS

CHARDONNAY
WESTERN CAPE — SOUTH AFRICA
2018

Since its inception, Capensis has always aimed to showcase the quality and potential for world-class Western Cape Chardonnay. Every vintage we strive to blend a Chardonnay from several distinct sites that define the complexity of the Western Cape.

VARIETY

100% Chardonnay

REGION

Western Cape, South Africa

VINEYARDS

Fijnbosch = 49%
Nooitgedacht = 21%
E. Bruwer = 10%
Kaaimgat = 10%
Vleiplaas = 10%

AGING

10 months in 100%
French oak, 38% new

CLONES

Primarily 95

PH

3.36

TA

0.57

ALCOHOL

14.0%

HERITAGE

Capensis is a family of three wines dedicated exclusively to Chardonnay. The name Capensis is taken from the Latin word meaning “from the Cape,” and pays homage to their home in South Africa, one of the oldest winemaking regions in the world. The ancient soils, dramatic landscapes and historic vineyards of Stellenbosch, Overberg and Robertson are the foundation for Capensis, which honors the greatness of South Africa. Winemaker Graham Weerts has carefully selected the finest Chardonnay vineyards within the Western Cape to create these expressive wines.

VINTAGE OVERVIEW

The 2018 harvest season will be remembered as one of the driest in 100 years. Though challenges included water restrictions and yield reductions, the season prevailed with healthy, quality vines producing exceptionally concentrated fruit. Smaller berries meant greater flavor intensity and this, along with cooler weather, relieved pressure on the vines and bode well for a quality harvest.

WINE NOTES

The 2018 Capensis Western Cape Chardonnay is a culmination of five remarkable vineyards – a balanced, layered, and complex expression of the region. Crafted to age gracefully and gain complexity over time, pure citrus and rich minerality drive a focused, world-class Chardonnay.

94 POINTS Tim Atkin MW, *Tim Atkin South Africa Report*, September 2021

