



## Petite Chardonnay 2020



Glen Carlou is situated in the Simonsberg-Paarl region of South Africa's Western Cape.

The vineyard blocks encompass a variety of slopes and aspects - each is nurtured according to its own unique potential, respecting the natural cycles of the vines.

Our 145 hectare property transferred back to local ownership when in 2016, Glen Carlou was purchased by a South African family consortium.

Significant investments have been made for the vineyard replanting programme, one of several initiatives implemented since the change in ownership. Robust drought resistant rootstocks and new clones are being planted to increase the hectares under vine.

The rich tapestries of passionate people interwoven with insightful custodians have shaped and continue to develop Glen Carlou. A splendid storyline supports our desirable international reputation of being a trusted, highly awarded and respected wine brand.

<b>Wine of Origin</b>	Simonsberg -Paarl
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<b>In the Vineyard</b>	Building up towards harvest, our vineyards experience a fresh, late afternoon southerly breeze, which has a cooling effect allowing the grapes to ripen evenly and preserve fruit flavour. Picked somewhat earlier in the season, the grapes are safeguarded by the coolness of morning, where the emphasis is on capturing the natural complexities of these selected vineyards.
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<b>In the Cellar</b>	De-stemmed berries were pressed and settled overnight after which the juice was racked and pumped into stainless steel tanks for the alcohol fermentation. Selected yeast strains were used to elevate the fruit-profile of Chardonnay. After fermentation the wine was left on the lees under controlled temperatures, with weekly stirring to maximise flavour and mid-palate development.
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<b>In the Glass</b>	"This Chardonnay is straight up, not oaked! Showcasing Chardonnay in its purest form. A lightly styled delightfully delicious mouthful centered on the notably lemon-citrus and peach fruit notes. The palate opens up to a wide spectrum of undertones of melon, wild flowers and a nuanced minerality on the aftertaste. With a crisp clean unhindered taste and a bright body colour, Petite Chardonnay might be small in name yet certainly will deliver on enjoyment". Johnnie Calitz (winemaker)
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<b>Wine Analysis</b>	Alc. 13.5% R.S. 2.2g/l T.A. 5.3g/l pH 3.30
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