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Onskuld, meaning innocence in Afrikaans, invites you to savour the simple joy that Chardonnay brings. The 2020 Onskuld Chardonnay is well-structured, with a fantastic balance of citrus fruit and minerality that reminds of an old-world Chardonnay.

The wine shows freshness and elegance while reflecting the unique terroir of the Hemel & Aarde Ridge.

Viticulture

The Hemel & Aarde Ridge is the smallest appellation in the Walker Bay wine region. Our grapes are grown in a single 10-year-old north-east facing trellised vineyard, located at 300m above sea level, and is planted in clay-rich Bokkeveld shale. Ripening here generally occurs later due in part to the lofty elevations of the Ridge.

Winemaking

We follow a philosophy of minimal intervention, allowing the terroir to speak for itself. The grapes were harvested by hand on 20 February 2020 and moved directly to the press for gentle whole-bunch pressing. The juice was then transferred to French oak barrels, 30% of which were new, for fermentation. There the wine matured on fine lees for 11 months. Only the free-run juice was used in the final bottling.

Tasting notes

A pale straw-yellow hue characteristic of an oaked Chardonnay. Citrus flavours of grapefruit and lemon aromas, with a hint of toasted brioche and subtle floral notes on the nose. Integrated oak provides a gentle texture to the mid-palate and a lingering refined finish.

Serving recommendation

The wine is best served at 10 to 13°C. If refrigerated, we recommend removing the wine from your refrigerator and opening it 30 minutes before serving.

Ageing potential

The wine is ready to enjoy on release, but will mature for a further 8 to 10 years.

1804 bottles

alc 13.5% | *rs* 2.4g/l

ph 3.38 | *ta* 6.2g/l

ma 0.15g/l

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