

NEWTON JOHNSON FAMILY SOUTHEND CHARDONNAY 2018



WINE INTRODUCTION

The vineyard lies directly opposite the Newton Johnson farm in the valley, a notably cooler slope with slower ripening. It produces wines with compact structure, cool fruit flavours and vibrant, lengthy acidity. For the Southend Chardonnay the oak is toned down to further define this classy parcel among the other elegant Chardonnays of our appellation.

WINEMAKING NOTE

Southend is a single vineyard wine that lies in the shadow of the Babylonstoring Mountains in the Upper Hemel-en-Aarde Valley and is owned and farmed by our neighbours, the Pringle family. It is a notably cooler slope, a stone's throw across the river from us, with less sunshine and consequently slower ripening. It produces wines with sparkling clarity, high-toned fruit flavours, compact structure, and vibrant acidity. We preserve these features by fermenting in larger format casks that often ferment slowly in to the winter. This parcel takes a steely and light-footed point of difference from the other Chardonnay vineyards of our appellation. 48% of this wine is matured for 10 months in 228L and 500L barrels produced in Burgundy. Tighter grained oak is preferred for subtle flavour, with longer seasoning and slower, lower temperature toasting. New oak comprises 7% of the final blend. 52% of the wine was fermented and left on its lees in stainless steel tank. The wine was blended and kept for further élevage of 5 months in stainless steel. No fining and only a light filtration before bottling.

APPEARANCE, AROMA AND TASTING NOTE

Condensed flavours elevated by this vineyard's rapier-like freshness. Ripe limes and waxy honeycomb are illuminated by sharp ginger and lemon zest, with an airy scent of jasmine. Succulent citrus fruit in the mouth, ladled with lees texture and buttery brioche, narrowing to a racy, lively finish.

WINE INFORMATION

Country:	South Africa
Region:	Upper Hemel-en-Aarde
Wine Type:	White Wine
Producer:	Newton Johnson Family
Wine Name:	Southend Chardonnay
Vintage:	2018
Principle Grape (%):	Chardonnay (100)
ABV (%):	13.50%
Acid (g/L):	6.30
pH:	3.34
Bottle Size:	75cl
Case/Pack Size:	6x75cl