



# Cap Maritime

Upper Hemel en Aarde Valley, South Africa.

## CHARDONNAY 2023



The Hemel-en-Aarde Valley is one of the most exciting places to grow Chardonnay and Pinot Noir in South Africa. Cap Maritime sits perched on top of a ridge separating the Upper Hemel-en-Aarde appellation from the Valley. It is here where we endeavour to create wines that capture the essence of their origin, while at the same time representing a style that we aspire to.

Our Chardonnay grapes were sourced from Upper Hemel-en-Aarde Valley vineyards planted on Table Mountain sandstone and decomposed granite. The climate is cool and temperate, where parallel mountain ranges channel ocean winds through the appellation during the summer.

The grapes were picked, hand-sorted and transported in refrigerated trucks to our winery in Franschhoek. Careful selection took place before whole-bunch pressing. The juice settled naturally in the tank for two days before being racked off into 50% small Burgundian 1,200L *Foudre* and 50% new French oak *barrisques* where fermentation began spontaneously. Light batonnage was performed throughout the 14 months of *elevage*.

*"A wine that is improving with every vintage - no surprise given that Gottfried Mocke is in charge - this is made with the CY95 clone from the Upper Hemel-en-Aarde Valley. Picked before the rains in 2023, it's a pithy, comparatively chiselled style of Chardonnay with top notes of aniseed and oyster shell, restrained 50% new oak and a pear, tangerine and lemongrass palate. 2025-30"* - Tim Atkin MW, *South African Report 2024*

Alc 13.30% TA 6.24 g/l RS 1.44 g/l pH 3.20