



Safriel House is a family owned wine house founded upon a passion for South African winemaking, grape growing terroir, and hands-on experience in the cellar. Our small batch wines honor the 300 years of winemaking heritage of the Cape, while at the same time incorporating sustainable, innovative and minimal intervention winemaking techniques. Safriel House wines are part of the new wave of South African wineries and express the climate, geology and wine making styles that make South Africa unlike any other growing region in the world.

### The Vineyard and Wine

The grapes for 2016 vintage come primarily from Stellenbosch with small portions from high quality vineyards to the South-East (in the Elgin appellation) and more inland (Franschhoek appellation) for acidity and body respectively. The art is in skillfully blending the right amounts from the various terroirs by letting the natural elements come through. The vineyards are planted in Clovelly and Hutton soils on North-West and South-East facing slopes. The vines average 15-year-old. Overhead irrigation was used to offset the dry summer but yields were limited to only 7 tons/ha. The grapes were whole bunch pressed, naturally settled and then fermented spontaneously using the grapes natural yeast to enhance the natural flavors of the region, rather than adding commercially manufactured yeast.

Technical details: ALC - 13.5% Vol; PH - 3.34; RS - 2.1 g/l; TA - 5.2 g/l.

### Oak Aging

Fermented entirely in 300-liter French Oak barrels (from Allier and Nevers regions, light to medium toast). The wine was then aged in oak for 12 months on its primary fermentation lees and batonaged once a month.

### Tasting Notes

A fruit driven Chardonnay with aromas of pineapple, guava and fruit salad. Combined with a well-integrated acid, this wine ensures plenty aromas that will complement salad, seafood and pastas.

**Award:** 92 points - John Platter Wine Guide 2018



South Africa's Winelands



Winemaker Marius Malan studied winemaking and then certified as a Wine Master.

