

Vergelegen Premium Chardonnay 2022

Vergelegen, one of South Africa's most iconic estates, has established itself as a benchmark for quality and elegance. Located in the renowned Stellenbosch wine region, Vergelegen is celebrated for crafting wines of exceptional depth, complexity, and sophistication. The Vergelegen Premium Chardonnay 2022 offers a refined and elegant expression of the Chardonnay grape, showcasing the estate's commitment to quality.



General Information

- **Producer:** Vergelegen
- **Appellation:** Stellenbosch, South Africa
- **Varietal Composition:** 100% Chardonnay
- **Vintage:** 2022
- **Alcohol Content:** 13.5%
- **Volume:** 750ml



Vineyard and Terroir

- **Location:** Estate-grown grapes sourced from the Rocklands, Rooiland, Slanghoek, and LSB vineyards.
- **Soil Type:** Pinedene, Hutton & Clovelly soil forms.



Winemaking

- **Harvest:** Grapes were handpicked and whole bunch pressed without skin contact.
- **Vinification:** The slightly clarified juice was racked into 20% new French oak barrels and 80% second, third, and fourth-fill barrels for alcoholic fermentation. The wine was matured on the lees for 8 months.



Tasting Notes

- **Appearance:** Attractive lemony yellow-green color.
- **Aroma:** Complex notes of citrus, peach, tropical fruit, and mineral tones.
- **Palate:** Long and full with delicate wooding, beautifully refined and elegant.



Food Pairing

- **Recommended Pairings:** Pairs well with creamy pasta dishes, grilled fish, and sushi.



Sustainable Practices and Certifications

- Vergelegen is a pioneer in sustainability and biodiversity efforts:
- Awarded the Sustainable Wine Tourism Practices prize in the 2024 Best of Wine Tourism Awards, demonstrating its commitment to eco-friendly winemaking.
- The estate was the first South African Biodiversity and Wine Initiative Champion in 2005, with sustainability remaining central to all activities. Vergelegen's significant alien vegetation clearing project culminated in a 1900-hectare reserve, granted the same protection status as the Kruger National Park.
- They actively support Fairtrade, reduce carbon emissions, practice land conservation by keeping over 2,000 hectares free from agricultural activity, and are a participant in the Cape Leopard Trust.



Awards and Recognition

Previous vintages of Vergelegen's Chardonnay have consistently received high scores, including 92 points from Tim Atkin and 93 points (4½ stars) from Platter's Guide.

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Producer's Notes

The Vergelegen Premium Chardonnay 2022 represents the estate's dedication to crafting premium wines with a balance of freshness, complexity, and elegance, showcasing the unique character of the Chardonnay grape.