



### MÔRESON MERCATOR (WOODED CHARDONNAY)

The Mercator has been the cornerstone of our vineyard production on Môreson. Apart from the vineyards designated as sparkling wine, each separate parcel of vineyard is treated as potential Mercator. To date, they have planted 12 different Chardonnay clones on Môreson which comprises 95% of their vineyard surface. Since 2007, the Mercator has been produced exclusively from 3 clones and vineyard blocks on Môreson. From 2012, they were able to introduce 3 new matured vineyard clones to the blend in very minute fractions. The core of the blend is still produced from our vineyards which are now 17 years of age. Winemaking practices have not changed much over the years other than minor fine tuning we perform in order to ensure we improve each subsequent vintage. The Mercator is now strictly matured in bottle for 1 year, prior to release. The 2016 vintage epitomizes the quality of Chardonnay fruit that is grown on Môreson and the Franschhoek Valley.

On the nose, there is a hint of reduction before lots of lime and lemon and some floral perfume in the background.

Chardonnay | 750ml

Single Vineyard – Môreson Estate

W.O. Franschhoek

Western Cape • South Africa

Whole bunch pressed and allowed to settle overnight. 3% lees added back.  
Fermentation at 18°C in maturation vessels. 90% Malolactic. 65% New French Oak.  
35% 2nd fill French Oak. 11 Months Matured in Barrel. 1 Year Bottle Maturation. ±  
9300 Bottles per vintage

**Vintage**

2015

**Alcohol**

13.56

**Total acidity**

6.2g/L

**Residual Sugar**

2.5g/L

Accolades: Diners Club Winemaker of the year 2019; Won SA Winemaker of the year for 2017 Mercator vintage