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CHARDONNAY

1993

Viticultural Practices

Varietal	: Chardonnay – 7 different clones
Root stock	: R99 and 101-14
Soil type	: Hutton – decomposed granite
Age of vines	: Planted 1985, 1986, 1987 and 1988
Plant density	: 3200 to 4000 vines per hectare
Trellising	: Vertical hedge
Pruning	: 2-bud spurs every 15 cms
Yield	: Approximately 6 tons per ha
Irrigation	: None
Vintage	: One of the best for Chardonnay – excellent ripe, concentrated fruit

Winemaking Practices

Wood maturation	: 9 months in 225 l French oak, 50% new
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Wine details

Residual Sugar	: 2,4 g/l
pH	: 3,25
Total acid	: 6,0 g/l
Alcohol	: 13,64% by volume
Maturation Pot	: Should peak in about 1996/7

Winemaker's comments

"Initially there were lovely peachy flavours that are becoming more citrusy and toasty and which should all harmonise in the next few years to a marvelous, complex mouthful."

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