

2016 Ataraxia Chardonnay, Hemmel-en-Aarde

The Wine Making

Greek for “a serene state of mind, free from worry and preoccupation”, Ataraxia lives up to the hype. Aptly called The Skyfields, Ataraxia Wines is perfectly positioned on a commanding rise in the beautiful Hemel-en-Aarde (Heaven and Earth) wine-growing area.

Our vines are nurtured in a unique terroir heavily influenced by our close proximity to the icy Atlantic Ocean. We have chosen a stylistic approach to the Ataraxia Vineyards wine range, to defer completely to the sites from which the different grapes are sourced.

Care has been taken to match rootstock choice exactly to the vineyard soil type also ensuring that no stone has been left unturned in the sourcing of the very best scion material available in the country.

Our wines are handcrafted to reflect the origin and sense of place that this unique location offers, producing wines of matchless quality and impeccable elegance.



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Variety: 100% Chardonnay

Vintage: 2016

Region: Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge wine ward, close to the coastal village of Hermanus. Soils from these sites are derived from the Bokkeveld shale group, which are characteristically low-vigour, clay-rich and stony

Winemaker: Kevin Grant

Vinification: . Because of the cool maritime climate that exists here, the grapes have a long hang time which affords them the opportunity to fully complete their ripening journey. Picked early in the mornings during the last week of February and the first week of March 2016. The wine is 100% barrel fermented and carefully matured for 10 months in specially selected small French oak barriques sourced exclusively from Burgundian coopers.

Alcohol: 12.8%

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ACCOLADES:

96 points and **WINE OF THE YEAR Tim Atkin, South Africa Report, 2017**

“Kevin’s Chardonnay has always been the stand-out for me, unequivocally one of the best in South Africa and very Burgundian in style, seriously up there at Premier Cru level.”

93 points: Wine Enthusiast March 2019

“This is a stunning wine, with superb complexity and great balance between the ripe fruit characteristics and the lightly toasty, sweet spice elements. Notes of yellow melon, sweet orange, honeysuckle and almond paste are rich and satisfying, but by no means fat or overdone. It’s medium in weight, with bright acidity and a pronounced minerality that lends focus and definition. The finish is fresh and vibrant, starting with crisp citrus flavors that evolve into a spiced orange-tea tone before landing on a succulent tone of cedar-grilled apple.”

