

CULINARIA

The Leopard's Leap Culinaria Collection is a celebration of the harmony in which food and wine complement one another. Matching the finest in food with the finest in wine is the very reason behind this exquisite collection to create optimal enjoyment through mutual enhancement.

Culinaria: Pinot Noir Chardonnay

Origin: Culinaria Pinot Noir Chardonnay is a Wine of Origin Western Cape. Grapes used for the production of this Burgundy-style blend originate from Durbanville (Chardonnay) and Elgin (Pinot Noir).

Composition: The blend consists of Pinot Noir (80%) and Chardonnay (20%).

Vineyards: The Pinot Noir component from Elgin enjoys winds that cool down the whole valley, while the vines grow in well-drained soils – conditions that contribute largely to the varietal flavours of this variety. The Chardonnay component from Durbanville originates from vines growing on south-easterly slopes situated close to the Atlantic ocean, where a cool growing climate ensures favourable slower ripening.

Wine-making: Pinot Noir grapes were harvested at between 20 and 21 degrees Balling. Chardonnay grapes were harvested at between 19 and 21 degrees Balling. Both varieties were hand-picked and whole-bunch pressed. The juice was allowed to settle, then fermented separately. The wine-makers crafted different blends to ensure the perfect balance of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay.

Analysis:

Alcohol	12,5%Vol	Residual sugar	3,7 g/l
рН	3,30	Total acid	6,4 g/l

Character: Leopard's Leap Culinaria Pinot Noir Chardonnay has a well-defined structure and inviting colour and bursts with prominent flavours of pomegranate and citrus palate. Combining the characteristics of both a white and a red wine, this blend is exceptionally flexible in food-and-wine matching.

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