

# `The Ladybird` Organic Chardonnay Chenin Laibach 2021



## Region

This famous region is 30 miles north east of Cape Town yet still close enough to the ocean to benefit from cool maritime conditions. These beautiful vineyards are dominated by scenic mountains and the region is home to some of the Cape's most famous and influential wine estates. The most noted and important vineyards are located on the prized slopes of the Simonsberg Mountain. This small and highly rated sub-zone has fantastic terroir and is where many of South Africa's top red cuvees are produced.

## Producer

One of the Cape's more recent wine estates having been purchased by the Laibach-Kuehner family in the early 1990s. An initial investment saw the 40 hectare property totally replanted and this was followed by the building of a state of the art and contemporary winery. Stuffed full of modern winemaking kit but using traditional barrel ageing, this is a wine estate with a growing reputation right on top of its game. Managed by the very likeable Mike Malherbe, a totally fanatical grape grower and in tandem with the exceptionally talented winemaker, Francois van Zyl they endeavour to craft modern drinkable and delicious wines for a sophisticated and discerning market. The first winery in South Africa to convert to organic viticulture in the early 2000s.

## Tasting Notes

Predominantly Chardonnay based with a touch of Chenin, they used for the first time. concrete egg tanks and 50% of the juice was fermented in old 500 liter barrels for 4 months, 25% in the concrete eggs and the remainder in stainless steel tanks. The wine is fresh and complex with notes of white peach, nuts and hints of papaya and a fresh aroma. Expressive on the palate with a lingering aftertaste. Almost a creamy acidity makes this an incredibly appealing dry white wine.

## Food

Creamy pea and asparagus risotto, Chicken Chasseur and pork Strogonoff.

### Technical Information

Country	South Africa
Region	Stellenbosch
Grape(s)	Chardonnay (85%) Chenin Blanc (15%)
Type	White
Style	Fruity
Oaked Style	Lightly oaked
Body Style	Medium bodied
Sustainable	Yes-sustainable practices

Dry/Sweet Style	Dry	
Alcohol Content	13.5%	
Closure Style	Screw cap	
Organic/Biodynamic	Organic	
Allergens	Milk:	No
	Egg:	No
Vegetarian/Vegan	Vegetarian:	Yes
	Vegan:	Yes



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