# RUPERT & ROTHSCHILD

# BARONESS NADINE CHARDONNAY 2024

# WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

The Rupert & Rothschild Baroness Nadine Chardonnay 2024 radiates with a stunning lime-white gold hue, promising a wine of exceptional elegance and refinement. The nose bursts with citrus blossom, a touch of salinity, and vibrant peach. On the palate, bright flavours of grapefruit, lemon cream, and crisp melon are harmoniously balanced with almond shavings and a whisper of vanilla spice. The wine's lively, fresh texture gives way to a dense, concentrated core, with fine complexity and a creamy finish that lingers, leaving a lasting impression of elegance.

## 2024 HARVEST

The grapes were hand-picked towards the end of January and the beginning of March 2024 with an average yield of 8 tonnes per hectare.

#### WINEMAKING

Only free-run juice from gentle, whole-bunch pressing was used for this wine. Eleven months of maturation occurred in the primary fermentation vessels; 27% first, 32% second and 23% third and fourth fill 300 litre French oak barrels, the remainder in 2500 litre French oak foudres.

## FOOD PAIRING

A perfect partnership of land and sea, this suggested pairing brings together mussels, Abalobi fish, and sautéed prawns, complemented by carrots, cucumber, orange gel, and a crisp coral tuille. The vibrant citrus, delicate salinity, and creamy texture of Baroness Nadine Chardonnay 2024 elevate the flavours, enhancing the dish's freshness while harmonising with its depth and complexity.

## VITICULTURE

Cultivar: Chardonnay 100% Appellation: Wine of Origin Cape Coastal

Appellation: Wine of Age of Vines: 12 years

Irrigation: Drip irrigation

# **MATURATION**

The wine has an ageing potential of 5+ years from vintage.

## ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 13.5% vol Total Acidity: 6.17 g/l pH: 3.39

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