



Western Cape, South Africa

The Cape wine growing areas, situated in the narrow viticultural zone of the southern hemisphere, mainly have a Mediterranean climate. The mountain slopes and valleys form the ideal habitat for grape growing. Long, sun-drenched summers and mild, wet winters contribute to the ideal conditions for viticulture at the Cape.

The Cape winelands stretch from the rugged mountains and multi-directional slopes of the coastal region to the open plains. South Africa's vineyards are mostly situated in the Western Cape near the coast.

Franschoek Valley is a broad vineyard-lined valley in the southeast corner of Paarl, in South Africa's Western Cape. This small valley is home to some of South Africa's most famous wine estates and has been producing wine since the 17th Century.



FRANSCHOEK CELLAR

ORIGIN Franschoek Valley, Western Cape, South Africa

DESIGNATION 'Our Town Hall' Unoaked Chardonnay

ABOUT Our Town Hall was built in 1935 in the popular gabled Cape Dutch Revival style. Much like the character of our Chardonnay, this historical building follows seamless lines and gentle curves to preserve the natural heritage and architecture of the village, yet still expresses itself boldly.

VINEYARD Vineyards vary in age from 4 to 15 years. The vineyards are planted on soil types that allow for the optimum vine growth balance. Grapes are harvested by hand in January and February at an average ripeness of 24° Brix.

PROCESS Made in a reductive style excluding exposure to oxygen at all stages to diminish any loss of inherent grape aromas and flavors. A gentle prolonged cold fermentation in stainless steel tanks to ensure expressive fruit aromas was followed by 4 months of lees contact to encouraged richness and complexity on the palate.

TASTING Radiant pale gold with a youthful green glow. Attractive pineapple and lemon-lime fruit purity with an intensity on both the nose and palate. A gracious and engaging wine even without oak.