



# STEWART FAMILY RESERVE 2018 CHARDONNAY

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Our flagship white wine at Quails' Gate, the Stewar Family Reserve Chardonnay is locally eloved and internationally renowned with a reputation for quality and consistency. Made in limited quantities and New World in style, this rich white offers vibrant flavours and an elegant buttery charm.

## WINEMAKING.....

our premium Chardonnay grapes are grown on the volcanic slopes of Boucherie Mountain just above the winery. The Stewart Family Reserve Chardonnay is whole-cluster preseed and 100% barrel fermented in new and old French oak. Full moloactic fermentation was carried out to enhance the mid-palate, with aging on lees and battonage once per week for the first two months, once every two weeks for the 3rd month, then once a month for the remaining six months (9 months total in oak).

### TASTING NOTES.....

Expect vivid fruit aromas of lemon, pear and peach interwoven with notes of butter, vanilla, toast and nut. The palate is round and full-bodied with a lovely texture and mouthfeel. This year's vintage is particularly complex with a long lingering citrusy finish.

## PERFECT PAIRINGS.....

Pair alongside rich seafood dishes, such as BC halibut, lobster with butter and bacon wrapped scallops. Also excellent with roasted chicken and creamy cheeses.

#### **TECHNICAL NOTES**

Alc. by volume: 13.0% Total acidity: 5.9 g/l Residual sugar: 1.6 g/l

pH: 3.23

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Limited Production

**CELLARING NOTES:** Enjoy now and through 2027