

# De Wetshof Estate `Bateleur` Chardonnay 2009

**Country** South Africa

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**Region** Robertson

Located 160km North of Cape Town the Robertson Valley lies in the folds of the Riviersonderence and Langeberg Mountains where the Breede River meanders towards the Cape's southern coastline. The chilly southern ocean breezes are funnelled up the valley and give cooling respite to the vines throughout the growing season. Quite high concentrations of lime are found in the soil and this makes the area exceptionally fine for white grape varieties.

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**Producer** De Wetshof Estate

The De Wet family were one of the earliest settlers arriving in the Cape in 1693. As pioneers in the wine business they have a natural instinct and huge commitment to viticulture in the Robertson region. Ideally located on the slopes overlooking the Breede River, and under the ownership of Danie de Wet, this estate is at the forefront of quality white wine production in the Cape. The facade of the beautiful cellars is a replica of the historic first Customs House in Cape Town. Inside the building Danie and his team use the most innovative and modern wine-making equipment to craft wines of the highest quality. Internationally renowned and one of South Africa's most awarded wine estates.

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**Awards** Gold Medal Chardonnay du Monde 2012. Decanter Silver medal 2012.

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**Tasting (Long)** This wine is a reflection of Danie de Wet's personal taste combining great depth and length of flavour with elegance and finesse. An in depth knowledge of his specific vineyard plots, allows him, in conjunction with barrel selection, to craft one of the best Chardonnays made in South Africa. Full spectrum of Chardonnay flavours explode in the mouth, but are tempered with fresh zingy lime acidity and a creamy textured finish.

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**Tasting (Short)** Bateleur Chardonnay is a true reflection of owner and winemaker, Danie De Wet. With knowledge of the terroir, as well as specific fruit selection from French oak barrell, the wine shows great depth, length of flavour, elegance and finesse.

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**Serving Suggestion** Gravadlax, smoked haddock and lobster thermidor and grilled herby chicken.

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**Type** White

**Style** Luxurious

**Oaked Style** Oaked

**Body Style** Full bodied

**Dry / Sweet Style** Dry

**Alcohol Content (%)** 14.5

**Closure Style** Cork

**Organic / Biodynamic** Normal

**Grape Varieties Percentage**

Chardonnay 100%

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