

# Rising River

## Chardonnay

### ABV

13.50%

### Capsule

Screwcap

### Code

RRICHA

### Region and Country

Western Cape, South Africa

### Grapes

Chardonnay

## Producer

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Produced as a diffusion line to the principle Rickety Bridge range, winemaking is overseen by Mari Kotzé.

## Climate, viticulture, winemaking

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Throughout history, lands have stood witness to cycles of the river rising and falling, orchestrated by the cadence of changing seasons. The Rising River Wines are inspired by the Franschhoek River that flows through the Franschhoek Valley, encompassing the grand history of its surroundings and celebrating grapes sourced across quality vineyards across the Western Cape.

With fruit machine harvested from selected vineyards across the Western Cape, once pressed, grapes are fermented with selected yeast strains in stainless steel tanks to preserve the fruit's freshness and natural characteristics. Juice is kept on the lees for 6 months before bottling.



## Tasting Notes

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Aromas of lemon, grapefruit and orange blossom. Good acidity and freshness.

## Good to know

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Cellar master, Donovan Ackermann and Winemaker Mari Kotzé implement many farming practices that have only a positive impact on the environment including planting cover crops to suppress weeds, these crops in turn also supply the soil with nitrogen. Turning discarded grape skins into fertiliser to put back into the vineyard and growing vegetables and plants to help the estate become more self-sufficient and increase the biodiversity within the area. Their future plan is to work towards a gold status in the Biodiversity Wine Initiative.

Vegetarian and vegan friendly.