

## BLACK LABEL RANGE MARGUERITE

2021

Named after the first owner of Vrede en Lust's eldest daughter, Marguerite de Savoye, this wine is just as flamboyant as she was. "Upgraded", Marguerite Chardonnay is now part of the terroir driven Black Label Range with grapes from Casey's Ridge farm in Elgin.

## Winemakers Notes

The grapes are all hand harvested early in the morning during February. After pressing, the juice is transported to French oak barrels (25% new) with natural malolactic conversion taking place in the barrel. The wine was matured on the lees for 11 months and bottled. The result is a vivid, complex, fruit forward Chardonnay with gentle oak influence supporting the ageing potential.

## Tasting Notes

Fresh citrus, lemongrass, and hits of floral notes are found on the nose. Typical mineral and cooler climate aromas with a classical lingering aftertaste. The ideal illustration of the smokiness from the wood, and fruitiness in the wine coming together to create a crisp, yet smooth and rounded experience on the palate.

## **Technical Notes**

Cultivars: Chardonnay (100%)

Ageing: Enjoy now or within 5-7 years from vintage

Winemaker: Karlin Nel

Wine of origin: Elgin Packaging: 750ml Alcohol %: 13.56 % Residual Sugar (RS): 2.4 g/l Total Acid (TA): 5.9 g/l pH: 3.32



