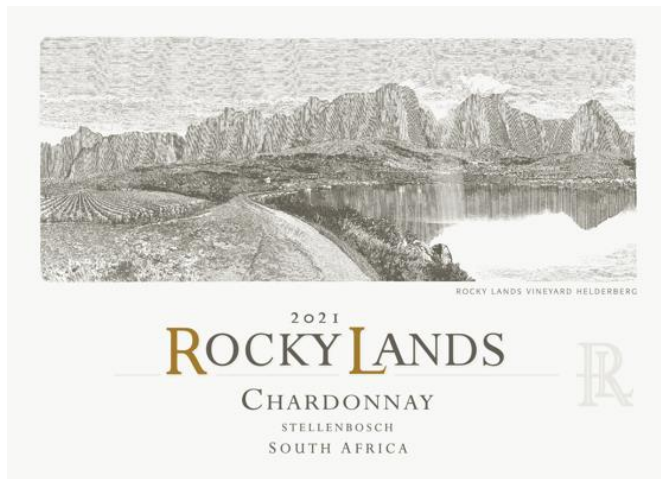


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Vergelegen Background

Owner: Anglo-American PLC

Country: South Africa

Region: Stellenbosch

Founded: ~1700

Description: Vergelegen is one of South Africa's oldest wine and most renowned estates, having been planted in 1700 as one of Stellenbosch's original farms. The estate is comprised of almost 8000 acres of superb vineyards, nature preserve, historical landmarks and pristine gardens. As one of South Africa's premier attractions, it has played host to numerous world dignitaries, including Nelson Mandela, Queen Elizabeth II, Bill Clinton among others..

Wine Notes – 2021 Rocky Lands Chardonnay

Vergelegen is one of South Africa's crown jewels, comprising a world-class wine estate, award winning formal gardens, a significant nature preserve and numerous historically important buildings. Originally founded in 1700, it is one of South Africa's oldest agricultural estates and traces its history back to the original founding of Stellenbosch.

While Vergelegen produces a wide range of wines, across many price points, Rocky Lands is their overperforming entry-level range. Rather than being an after-thought, Rocky Lands is made in the same state of the art wine making facilities and with the same fastidious cellar work used to create their extraordinary flagship "V" wine. This Chardonnay is made from estate-grown grapes grown in the fabulous soils of the Helderberg. The grapes were hand-harvested and whole-bunch fermented for four weeks in 225L and 228L oak barrels (20% new). Nine months of aging in 225L oak barrels followed with the wine filtered prior to release. The result is a beautiful yellow green color with a complex nose of citrus, peach, tropical fruit and mineral tones. The palate is long and full, with delicate oak notes – a beautifully refined and elegant gem.

Technical Specifications

Varietal Composition:	100% Chardonnay
Vineyard Region:	South Africa / Western Cape / Stellenbosch / Helderberg
Production Volume:	1,000cs
Vineyard Characteristics:	Rooiland, Slanghoek, lower Schaapenberg, Rocklands, Stellenbosch vineyards, slightly sloping, north-facing
Wine-Making / Vinification:	Hand-harvested, 100% whole bunch, fermented 4 weeks in oak barrels (20% new) using select yeast, 9 months of aging in 225L used oak barrels with 8 months on lees, filtered prior to release. SO2 added.
Alcohol / Volume:	13.5%
Acidity:	6.54 g/l
Residual Sugar:	2.13 g/l