



BOUCHARD FINLAYSON

TRIPLE TRIUMPH FOR BOUCHARD FINLAYSON CHARDONNAYS - WINE SPECTATOR LAVISHES PRAISE

*South Africa, Hemel-en-Aarde Valley - March 2010, **BOUCHARD FINLAYSON***, the award-winning wine estate in the Hemel-en-Aarde Valley near Hermanus, has excelled itself with a spectacular hat-trick. All three of their chardonnays have been selected for inclusion on the latest list of top South African wines compiled by the prestigious international wine magazine, Wine Spectator - each scoring a highly creditable 90 points, or more.

Senior editor James Molesworth enthusiastically stated: "Out in the cool Walker Bay district, Bouchard Finlayson has upped its game in recent vintages. Winemaker Peter Finlayson has an un-oaked version (Sans Barrique) which provides superfresh clean apple and melon notes, while his barrel-fermented Missionvale and Crocodile's Lair bottlings deliver more toasty oomph."

The Bouchard Finlayson Crocodile's Lair/Kaaimansgat Chardonnay 2008 scored a superb 91 points, with Molesworth complimenting its qualities: "plump, ripe, juicy and well-defined, with a matchstick hint sharpening the focus for the rich apple, peach, melon and pear flavours. The long finish has integrated toast but stays mouth-watering".

Both Bouchard Finlayson's Sans Barrique Chardonnay 2008 and Missionvale Chardonnay 2008 were awarded 90 points, with Molesworth extolling the virtues of the Sans Barrique Chardonnay as "ripe and concentrated, but very clean and pure with lovely Jonagold apple, melon and salted butter notes lined with chamomile and honeysuckle. The long, fresh finish lets a lively minerality linger".

He's equally complimentary about the Missionvale: "Forward and very juicy, with a succulent core of apple and fig fruit backed by enticing pie-crust, glazed pear and grilled hazelnut. The long finish lets a green almond note chime in. Almost too showy, but pulls it off."

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