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**2015 Julien Schaal
 Chardonnay Mountain Vineyards**

Elgin, South Africa
 White wine from South Africa

92+ pts

\$24

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Bright, straw-tinged light yellow. Pungent aromas of lemon, lime and minerals, plus a honeyed quality and a suggestion of spicy oak. Densely packed, juicy and alive, with a captivating mineral underpinning to the citrus and stone fruit flavors. This sappy, bracing wine showcases the thickness of the vintage without any loss of acidity (no malolactic fermentation was done). Finishes lemony, firm and long. Wait another year for this very concentrated wine to absorb more of its acidity before pulling the cork.

Drinking Window: 2018 - 2023

Stephen Tanzer, May 2017

Tasting Date: Mar 2017

Grape Variety:

Chardonnay

**2014 Julien Schaal
 Chardonnay Evidence**

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Full yellow-gold color seems a bit deep for its age. Much more exotic on the nose than the 2015 Mountain Vineyards bottling, offering tropical fruit, apricot and honey aromas along with a suggestion of redcurrant. Fat, rich and sweet in the mouth, with just enough acidity and supporting minerality to maintain its balance. This is more expressive than the 2015 Mountain Vineyards wine today but is still holding something in reserve. One of those rare wines that seemed to grow paler and brighter in the glass as it took on oxygen. But a riper and less mineral style than the 2015.

Drinking Window: 2017 - 2021

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