



MARGARET RIVER



# CHARDONNAY

## WINE SPECIFICATION

**Vintage** | 2016

**Grape variety** | 100% Chardonnay (Mendoza clone, commonly referred to as Gin Gin in W.A)

**Oak maturation** | 9 months in 41% new and 59% 1-3 year old French Barriques

**Typical analysis** | 13.0% Alc/Vol

**Release date** | November 2016

## TASTING NOTES

**Colour** | Pale straw with hints of green

### Aroma

Clean and fruit driven with biscuity oak, creamy lees and an underlying complex smoky note. There are ripe fruit characters of peach and nectarine with hints of citrus and fennel.

### Palate

Long and focused with a rich creamy texture and fine firm acid. The ripe peach and cream are balanced by biscuity oak with a hint of fennel. A clean fruit driven wine that is well balanced with subtle complexity.

### Food matches

Pumpkin ravioli, grilled veal chops.

**Peak drinking** | Drink upon release or over the following 4 - 5 years.

## WINEMAKERS COMMENTS

### Viticulture

Our Chardonnay vines were meticulously managed to ensure a balanced crop was ripened during the warm and consistent vintage of 2016. Picking of our best chardonnay commenced on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February and was completed on the 27<sup>th</sup> of February.

### Winemaking

The hand-picked fruit was held in cold storage overnight to eliminate the need for must chilling. After pressing off skins and separating press fractions, the juice was allowed to settle naturally before racking to achieve a desired level of solids. The juice was then transferred to French oak barriques and puncheons to commence fermentation with a mix of inoculated and wild fermentation. Stirring of the yeast lees continued for eight months before the wine was allowed to clarify and rest on lees

### Storage/Bottling

Bottled in November 2016 under screwcap into a premium burgundy bottle. This closure should extend the cellaring life of the wine by reducing subtle oxidative robbing flavour.

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