

CHARDONNAY



WINE SPECIFICATION

Vintage | 2023

Grape variety | 100% Chardonnay (Gingin clone)

Oak maturation | 9 months in 31% new and 69% 1-4 year old French Barriques

Typical analysis | 13.4% Alc/Vol 7.9 Standard Drinks

Release date | December 2023

TASTING NOTES

Colour | Pale straw-green

Aroma

A rich aroma of creamy lees and nutty-cashew oak with a big hit of ripe fruit. There is peach, nectarine, fennel and a hint of lime along with a subtle smoky-flinty complexity.

Palate

Soft and creamy with fine acidity. The ripe fruit pushes through again with peach, nectarine, fennel and lime with balanced nutty oak and rich creamy lees. A fruit driven wine with underlying complexity.

Food matches

Pumpkin ravioli, grilled veal chops.

Peak drinking | Drink upon release or over the following 5 - 6 years.

WINEMAKERS COMMENTS

Viticulture

Our Chardonnay vines were meticulously managed to ensure a balanced crop was ripened during the mild vintage of 2023. Picking of our best chardonnay commenced on the 24th of February and was completed on the 4th of March.

Winemaking

The fruit was must chilled on the way to the press. 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 seven months before the wine was allowed to clarify and rest on lees

Storage/Bottling

Bottled in November 2023 under screwcap into a premium burgundy bottle. This closure should extend the cellaring life of the wine.

CHARDONNAY ACHIEVEMENTS

2022 CHARDONNAY

Decanter World Wine Awards 2023 | **Silver**
James Suckling Wine Ratings | 91 points
London International Wine Challenge 2023 | **Bronze**
Royal Queensland Wine Show 2023 | **Bronze**
Perth Royal Wine Awards 2023 | **Bronze**
Wine Show of Western Australia 2023 | **Bronze**
Royal Adelaide Wine Show 2023 | **Bronze**
Margaret River Wine Show 2023 | **Bronze**

2021 CHARDONNAY

Wine Show of WA Mount Barker 2022 | **Silver**
Australian Small Wine Makers Show 2022 | **Silver**
London International Wine Challenge 2022 | **Bronze**
Decanter World Wine Awards 2022 | **Bronze**
Perth Royal Wine Awards 2022 | **Bronze**
Royal Hobart Wine Show 2022 | **Bronze**
Sydney Royal Wine Show 2022 | **Bronze**

2020 CHARDONNAY

London International Wine Challenge 2021 | **Bronze**
Wine Enthusiast | 91 points
Winestate Magazine 2021 90 points

2019 CHARDONNAY

Decanter World Wine Awards 2020 | **Silver**
Wine Show of Western Australia 2020 | **Silver**
Winestate Magazine 2020 New Release | 4.5 Stars
West Australian Wine Guide 2021 *Ray Jordan* | 90 Points
London International Wine Challenge 2019 | **Bronze**
Royal Adelaide Wine Show 2020 | **Bronze**
Margaret River Wine Show 2020 | **Bronze**

2018 CHARDONNAY

International Wine & Spirit Comp 2018 | **Silver**
Winestate Magazine 2019 | 4.5 Stars
Wine Show of Western Australia 2018 | **Bronze**
Royal Hobart Wine Show 2019 | **Bronze**
Sydney Royal Wine Show 2019 | **Bronze**
Decanter World Wine Awards 2019 | **Bronze**
London International Wine Challenge 2019 | **Bronze**
Perth Royal Wine Awards 2019 | **Bronze**
Australian Small Winemakers Show 2019 | **Bronze**

2017 CHARDONNAY

International Wine & Spirits Competition 2018 | **Silver**
Decanter World Wine Awards 2018 | **Silver**
Huon Hooke | 91 Points
London International Wine Challenge 2018 | **Bronze**
Perth Royal Wine Awards 2018 | **Bronze**
Royal Hobart Wine Show 2018 | **Bronze**
Sydney Royal Wine Show 2018 | **Bronze**
Royal Adelaide Wine Show 2018 | **Bronze**

2016 CHARDONNAY

Sydney Int Wine Competition 2017 | **TOP 100**
Sydney Int Wine Competition 2017 | **BLUE GOLD**
Sydney Royal Wine Show 2017 | **Gold**
Ray Jordan Wine Guide 2018 | 92 Points
Wine Showcase Magazine 2017 | 94 Points
Winestate Best of WA Tasting 2017 | 4 Stars
London International Wine Challenge 2017 | **Silver**
International Wine & Spirits Competition 2017 | **Silver**
James Halliday Chardonnay Challenge 2017 | 90 Points
Royal Adelaide Show, Wine Show of Western Australia,
Decanter World Wine Awards 2017 | **Bronze**

2015 CHARDONNAY

Royal Adelaide Show 2015 | **Silver**
Wine Showcase Magazine 2016 | 94 Points
Ray Jordan Wine Guide 2017 | 91 Points
International Wine & Spirits Competition 2015,
WA Wine Show 2016, Royal Adelaide Show 2016,
London International Wine Challenge 2016 | 4 **Bronze**

PREVIOUS VINTAGE ACCOLADES FOR THIS WINE

Blue Gold 2 | **Gold Medals 8**
Silver Medals 22 | **Bronze Medals 56**

JAMES HALLIDAY WINE COMPANION

2020 Chardonnay - 93 Points
2019 Chardonnay - 90 Points
2018 Chardonnay - 95 Points
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2015 Chardonnay - 95 Points
2014 Chardonnay - 91 Points
2013 Chardonnay - 90 Points
2012 Chardonnay
(Plus Best of Chardonnay list 2015) - 96 Points
2011 Chardonnay - 90 Points
2010 Chardonnay - 92 Points
2009 Chardonnay - 95 Points
2008 Chardonnay - 94 Points
2007 Chardonnay - 89 Points
2006 Chardonnay - 89 Points
2005 Chardonnay - 94 Points
2004 Chardonnay - 91 Points