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2022 CHARDONNAY

TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Macedon Ranges

Varietals: Chardonnay Harvested: April 2022 Bottled: March 2023

Winemaker: Oliver Rapson

Alc/Vol (%): 13.0

pH: 3.13 TA (g/L): 7.2

Cellaring: 8+ years.

Cases: 98

VINES

Clones: I10V1 (60%), I10V5

(30%), I10V3 (10%)

Soil: Grey kandosols - lower

Ordovician era Altitude: 510 metres Yield per vine: 1.0kg



Sustainable vineyard management and 100% hand picked. Bunch sorted, 50% destemmed, 50% whole bunch pressed. Wild fermentation in French barriques (20% new, 80% older). Matured in barrel on lees for nine months.

100% malolactic fermentation.

Lightly fined and filtered before bottling. Vegan.

TASTING NOTES

Nose: Lemon curd, grapefruit and lychee are coupled with flintiness and white floral notes.

Palate: A very giving and generous palate with moreish sherbet acidity sitting alongside delicate creaminess. Subtle oak carries the wine along to its lengthy finish.

SEASON

If we had to come up with a defining feature of the 2022 vintage it would be "challenging". Plentiful spring rains allowed a lot of growth and canopy. And while we love a good drink, rain like this certainly comes with its own tribulations. We had some respite through December and January and the return to wet weather in February was a relief as it freshened up the canopies and washed away the dust. Moving into autumn, rain continued but we saw bursts of sunshine and dry days that coaxed the vines through their last stages of ripening.





CHARDONNAY ACCOLADES

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93 Points – Aaron Brasher, The Real Review

92 Points – Jane Faulkner, Wine Companion

2021

91 + Points – Campbell Mattinson, The Wine Front

91 Points – Stuart Knox, The Real Review

2019

93 Points – Andrew Graham, Oz Wine Review

90 Points – Ralph Kyte-Powell, The Real Review 90 Points – Steve Leszczynski, Q Wine

92 Points – Jane Faulkner, Wine Companion

2018

94 Points – James Halliday, Wine Companion

94 Points – Huon Hooke, The Real Review

93+ Points – Campbell Mattinson, The Wine Front 93 Points – James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com

2017

94 Points – Campbell Mattinson, The Wine Front

90 Points - Huon Hooke, The Real Review

2016

95 Points – James Halliday, Wine Companion

90 Points - Toni Paterson, The Real Review

2015

94 Points – Patrick Eckel, Wine Reviewer

93 Points – Campbell Mattinson, The Wine Front

91 Points – James Halliday, Wine Companion 91 Points – Andrew Graham, Oz Wine Review

2014

94 Points – James Halliday, Wine Companion

93 Points – Patrick Eckel, Wine Reviewer