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2023 CHARDONNAY

TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Macedon Ranges
Varietals: Chardonnay
Harvested: April 2023
Bottled: March 2024
Winemaker: Oliver Rapson

Alc/Vol (%): 12.4
pH: 3.11
TA (g/L): 6.9
Cellaring: 10 – 15 years
Cases: 145

VINES

Clones: I10V1 (60%), I10V5 (30%), I10V3 (10%)
Soil: Grey kandosols – lower Ordovician era
Altitude: 510 metres
Yield per vine: 1.0kg



VINIFICATION

Estate grown, single vineyard.
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 apple are coupled with flintiness and white floral notes.
Palate: Marzipan, sherbet, lime zest and minerality. A gentle creaminess gives way to some lovely mid palate depth and a gentle smooth finish. Definitely, a wine to sit down and enjoy with some delicious food.

SEASON

The start of the 2023 growing season was exceedingly wet, delaying budburst substantially, which had a knock-on effect across every stage of the vine development. However, the extra rain also helped in setting some great fruit and our vineyards had never looked so healthy. In contrast to our record-breaking rainfall in October 2022, January and February were some of the driest months we've had in years. This had a further impact on vine development, particularly when coupled with some unseasonably cool days throughout the peak of summer. Ultimately, we ended up with a cool but steady end of season, with some later rain events. We recorded our latest picks on record.



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CHARDONNAY ACCOLADES

2022

Silver Medal - 2022 Macedon Ranges Wine Exhibition

93 Points – Aaron Brasher, The Real Review

92 Points – Jane Faulkner, Wine Companion

2021

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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

92 Points – Jane Faulkner, Wine Companion

90 Points – Steve Leszczynski, Q Wine

2018

94 Points – James Halliday, Wine Companion

93+ Points – Campbell Mattinson, The Wine Front

94 Points – Huon Hooke, The Real Review

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

91 Points – James Halliday, Wine Companion

93 Points – Campbell Mattinson, The Wine Front

91 Points – Andrew Graham, Oz Wine Review

2014

94 Points – James Halliday, Wine Companion

93 Points – Patrick Eckel, Wine Reviewer