

2020 Eden Valley Chardonnay

History

We were so impressed by the fruit off our Craneford Vineyard in previous years, that we saw much promise in producing a premium interpretation of the Chardonnay variety. Whilst being a modern, vibrant expression, we also believe this will appeal to the lovers of the style made famous by the great vineyards of Chablis in France's Burgundy region.

Vineyard Information

We are enjoying crafting Chardonnay from our Craneford vineyard, in the Eden Valley. As a single site, the resultant wine will always show typicity of the vineyard, whilst varying with what each season brings. Our vineyard lies just south of the small township of Craneford, at an elevation of 420m. The soil and climate varies quite considerably to that of the Barossa Valley floor. It is generally wetter and cooler in the Eden Valley with soils tending to be skeletal and minerally. Aspect also varies significantly, with rolling hills and valleys providing much site variation. The Craneford vineyard is tended to by our own viticulturists, Peter Wild and Conrad Pohlinger, who ensure utmost care is taken in every step of the vine cycle.

Winemaker's Comments

With a drier than average winter and spring, we knew crop levels for our 2020 harvest would be low. The shallow soils of our Chardonnay block necessitate short and regular irrigations to ensure the vines continue to support the canopy to handle the fruit load. Mild conditions, without heat spikes, during vintage allowed ripening to happen gradually, the largest problem being the ever-hungry bird life for which we always sacrifice a portion of crop. At the suggestion of rain, we harvested in the cool of the early morning. Fruit was pressed on arrival at the winery. The juice was then cool fermented with a neutral wine yeast to dryness, in French oak. Lees stirring has helped to build the body in this wine, and balance a firm acid line.

- Jules Ashmead and Brock Harrison

Style	Elegant, driven, focused
Colour	Pale straw
Aroma	Orange blossom with a delicious hint of coconut macaroon
Palate	Just ripe peach and hints of sweet lime, all very much in check with a beautiful line of fresh acidity. Additional layers of texture from battonage and hints of creamy toasty oak from barrel fermentation further enhance the delicate core of fruit, leading to a long finish.
Cellaring	Drink now or cellar confidently for 5+ years



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Vineyard Source 100% Estate grown, Craneford

Vine Age 28 years

Picking Date 2 March 2020

Oak Fermented in French oak, sur lie and battonage for 9 months

Alc/Vol 12.5%