

2021 **Eden Valley** Chardonnay

History

As a single site wine, our Eden Valley Chardonnay will always show typicity of the vineyard, whilst varying with what each season brings. We are on a constant learning journey adapting to what the season brings. Our Chardonnay is a serious interpretation, from an excellent vintage.

Vineyard Information

Our Chardonnay is 100% from our Eden Valley vineyard, which 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 Chardonnay block sits at the one of the highest points of the vineyard and 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

Ample winter rainfall and a mild spring allowed for a great start to the season, with a decent canopy developing. This provided adequate protection for, and capacity to ripen the fruit. As the season progressed, short frequent irrigations ensured the lean soils retained enough moisture. Autumn was long and relatively cool allowing for steady ripening with the retention of acidity so crucial to Chardonnay. Fruit was pressed on arrival at the winery. The juice was then cool fermented, with a neutral wine yeast to dryness, in a combination of new and old French oak. Partial malolactic fermentation and regular lees stirring has helped to build the delicious creamy texture in this wine. - Jules Ashmead and Brock Harrison

Style	Elegant, driven, focused
Colour	Pale green straw
Aroma	Lifted orange blossom and stonefruit with flinty notes and hints of cashew
Palate	Delicate lime tart and nectarine, with savoury nuances. A depth of flavour we only see in great years, balanced with a fresh line of acidity. Additional layers of creamy texture from battonage and hints of toasty oak from barrel fermentation, further enhance the 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	29 years
Picking Date	12 March 2021
Oak	Fermented in French oak, sur lie and batonnage for 9 months
Alc/Vol	13.5%