



CHARDONNAY 2008

BLEND—100% Chardonnay

TASTING NOTES

Pale yellow in colour. The aromas shows ripe fruit flavours of cumquat fig, and tropical fruits with secondary oak derived aromas of toast, roasted cashews and vanilla. The palate shows a sweet melon fruit surrounded by fine mesh of oak tannins. The palate is rounded with a soft acidity, good length of flavour and a clean finish.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Due to some very poor climatic conditions, including hail, during the growing and flowering stage of 2008, of which Chardonnay was the worst affected, yields were extremely low (1.6 tonnes/hectare or 0.6tonnes/acre). As a result of this, flavour ripeness was quite advanced and consequently the wine's flavour profile sits more in the riper spectrum than is typical of this wine.

The fruit is picked in the early morning and pressed straight away at cool temperatures to retain freshness and vibrancy. Twenty five per cent is barrel fermented in French barriques of which a third are new. The wine stays on lees in barrel without sulphur for the first 6 months and stirred fortnightly. Sulphur is added at the end of winter and stirring drops back to monthly till the wine is blended, fined, filtered and bottled in February 2009.

WINEMAKING DATA

Sugar Level at Picking: 12.5 to 13.0 Baume
Wine Titratable Acidity: 6.6 g/L
Alcohol: 13%

Wine pH: 3.27
Residual Sugar: 2.2 g/L
WINEMAKER: Will Shields

ACCOLADES

Blue Gold Medal	Sydney International Wine Competition 2010
Bronze Medal	Royal Melbourne Wine Show 2009
Bronze Medal	Royal Adelaide Wine Show 2009
Bronze Medal	Wine Show of Western Australia 2009
Bronze Medal	National Wine Show of Australia 2010

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[4.5 glass rating & Special Value star]

Bright green—gold; the focus is primarily on the fruit, only 25% of the wine being barrel-fermented; the aromas and flavours are in the grapefruit, nectarine and white peach group, the length very good. Screwcap. 13% alc. Drink 2018



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