

# HARDYS

Hardys is one of Australia's oldest wineries, founded in Australia over 165 years ago. Thomas Hardy helped forge the Australian wine industry and was a true pioneer, entrepreneur and visionary. Today our winemakers continue to uphold the Hardys pioneering and visionary spirit, crafting quality wines for consumers to enjoy across the globe.

This long standing commitment to quality, backed by over 9000 medals, ensures that whatever bottle our consumers choose, they can be confident and certain that Hardys is their best choice

## 2022 Eileen Hardy Chardonnay



### EILEEN HARDY

Eileen Hardy was the Hardy family matriarch, an indomitable spirit and the first lady of Australian wine; her love of life still echoes through every Hardys wine and provides the inspiration to be the best. Winemakers select only the very best handpicked parcels of fruit from regions throughout Australia to carry the Eileen name. The inaugural 1970 Eileen Hardy Shiraz was released as a tribute to this great lady. Each vintage the winemakers select the very best parcels of Shiraz from McLaren Vale to carry the 'Eileen Hardy' label.

### GRAPE VARIETY

Chardonnay

### COLOUR

Medium Straw with bright, green tinges.

### NOSE

An intense hit of lemon curd and ripe stone fruits, entwined with subtle toasty oak and just a hint of struck match.

### PALATE

Juicy, rich and flavoursome up front. Fresh white peaches and zesty lemon lead the charge, supported with toasty oak and a seductive mineral drive which combine to impart length, richness and complexity. A delicious drink now, and in the years to come!

### VINEYARD REGION

Tasmania, Adelaide hills

### WINEMAKING

Eileen Hardy Chardonnay looks to preserve to bottle the essential characteristics of the vineyard fruit. To create the highest possible quality blend from the cool climates of sub-regional Tasmania, and Adelaide Hills. Gentle handling of the fruit and wine help to achieve this, while restrained winemaking assist in developing the complexity of the final blend. Several of the vineyards we source Chardonnay from were planted for us at carefully selected sites, only fit for Eileen Hardy Chardonnay when at full maturity. Richness, power and elegance has placed Eileen Hardy Chardonnay amongst the finest Chardonnays in the country.

### VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The 2022 Vintage in Tasmania was not without its challenges, with vast differences in the behaviours of each of the sub-regions. A long and wet winter and following spring led to a slow ripening season with small yields. Quality was a pleasant surprise in most cases and is a testament to our committed growers' efforts during difficult picking. The Derwent and Coal River Valleys both experienced relatively cool and slow ripening seasons, producing excellent quality fruit that arrived very late in the season, picked at relatively high Baumes to manage the high acid retention. The outcome of this tricky season is aromatic wines with complex flavour concentration, ripe structure and lovely mid palate weight.

### WINE ANALYSIS

Alc/Vol: 13.63%  
Acidity (TA): 6.8g/L  
pH: 3.24

### PEAK DRINKING

Approachable upon release, will reward careful cellaring for 5-10 years.

### FOOD MATCH

Crayfish Thermidor

### WINEMAKER

Samuel Milne

