



EILEEN HARDY
CHARDONNAY
2017

Winemaker's Notes

For 30 consecutive vintages Eileen Hardy Chardonnay contributed to the evolution of cool climate Australian Chardonnay.

It represents one of Australia's finest Chardonnays. Since 1986, we have been at the forefront in viticulture and Chardonnay winemaking techniques. We now source our fruit from our fully mature, cool climate vineyards in Tasmania and the Upper Yarra Valley. Now at full maturity, these vineyards provide rich complex fruit flavours matched by high natural acidity which helps provide wines with balance and finesse.

The Eileen Hardy Chardonnay exemplifies this development and commitment to quality of the highest order. Its richness, power and elegance have placed Eileen Hardy Chardonnay amongst the finest Chardonnays in the country and indeed, the world.

A very good growing and ripening season in Tasmania-winter provided ample rainfall so that spring growth was prolific and the vines then produced a good crop, summer was warm and ripening conditions were ideal with great flavour and acid in the grapes when the harvest commenced

Tasting Notes

Wine Style

Sweet 1 2 3 4 **5** Dry
Light 1 2 3 **4** 5 Full bodied

Colour:

Medium straw with bright, green tinges

Bouquet:

An intense hit of custard apple, ground spice cumin and jasmine flower, entwined with subtle toasty oak and just a hint of struck match

Palate:

Up front, it is juicy, rich and flavoursome. 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.

Alcohol
13.3%

Winemaker
Paul Lapsley

Fermentation
100% Barrel fermentation

Soil Type
A combination of brown loam, limestone, and ferrous dolerite from Tasmania and red volcanic soils from Upper Yarra

Residual Sugar
<5 g/l

Region Yarra Valley & Tasmania

Malolactic Fermentation
Partial

Acidity
6.6 g/l

Climate
Maritime to Cool

Cellaring
5-10+ years

pH
3.30

Grape Variety
Chardonnay

Oak Maturation
100% French Oak
9 months on lees

Age of Vines
17-31 years

Harvesting
100% Hand picked

