



McHENRY HOHNEN



2022 BURNSIDE VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

Voluptuous and expressive, this wine shows fresh almond pastry, white nectarine, and Nougat aromatics. Wild fermentation adds a flinty complexity and the extended time on fine lees contributes a delicious savoury character to the palate, which is powerful yet defined by a fine frame of natural acidity. From an old heritage vineyard on the south bank of the Margaret River itself, this Chardonnay captures the distinctive character of this site.

Vintage Report

A season of great balance, which produced wines of grace, perfume, and longevity. Winter was wet and cooler than average, and we experienced a cool but dry spring across the Margaret River region. Good flowering conditions resulted in good bunch numbers and weights, producing good yields after three years of tiny crops. Summer was one of the driest on record with relatively mild temperatures leading into January; these conditions delayed canopy development but January brought fantastic weather with warm, sunny, and breezy days as hoped, but without any temperature spikes and heat stress. Excellent diurnal temperature variation was a constant of this season, setting us up for a highly aromatic vintage and perfect phenological ripeness of the skins and seeds.

Wine Making

Hand-picked, whole bunch pressed and transferred directly to oak with full solids. Fermented by native yeast in the finest selection of French oak barriques (approximately 30% new). Batonnage to encourage autolytic activity was based on flavour and no MLF to retain the natural acidity of this vintage. The wine was racked out of barrels with full lees to tank in December before bottling in February 2023.

Vineyard

100% Burnside Vineyard. Located on the bend of the Margaret River, this old vineyard grows on unique micaceous and granitic soils. The Chardonnay rows are on a steep northerly aspect running in a north-west, southeast orientation.

District of Origin

100% Margaret River

Grapes

100% Single Vineyard Chardonnay
Clones: Gingin, Clone 1, Clone 3, Clone 5

Analysis

Alc 13.2%

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