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2021 BURNSIDE VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

Review Summary

95 pts - "Apart from being one of the most exquisite piano pieces, Erik Satie's Gymnopédie No. 1 reminds me of Burnside. Seriously. Years ago, reading about the 'simple' chords, deceptively simple of course because it is how you play the piece, the writer wrote three words to describe some of the chord progressions: Yum. Ooh. Woah. Three words I use when describing this wine. It's citrusy, fine and flinty with delicate sulphides. Yum. It builds and unfurls with a subtle line of lees and texture. Ooh. And then explodes with racy acidity and electrifying energy to ensure it finishes long and pure. Woah! As an aside, gymonpedia derives from an ancient Greek word for a festival where young men danced naked. Careful drinking this wine, then."

Jane Faulkner, The Halliday Wine Companion 2 August 2023

94+ pts - "This Burnside starts with a jazzy, cheese-rind aroma, and feels shy and tightly packed. Reductive perhaps. Needs air to open up. It unveils with chamomile, flint, white radish and fennel. Plenty of green citrus and nutmeg, the type of spice that's not too sweet but more on the savoury end. It's flowing low with a finish that is cool and minty and oak spice that needs to settle".

Kasia Sobiesak, The Wine Front 19 May 2023

94 pts - "Complex and lifted aromas of grapefruit pith, jasmine, melon skin, struck match, mineral and winter green. Rich, mouth-filling and quite plush on the palate. There's a very pure drive of white stone fruit and citrus along with a mealy nuttiness. Powerful, layered and multifaceted, a very serious Aussie chardonnay".

Aaron Brasher, The Real Review 20 August 2023

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94 pts - "The tense, linear 2021 Chardonnay Burnside Vineyard is a young stallion that is brimming with youthful vitality and needs time to unfurl. Aromas are concentrated and precise citrus and florals with a distinct pithy edge beautifully intertwined with vanilla oatmeal barrel characters. Beautifully composed, it is just starting to reveal its charms with a firm backbone of acidity driving through to a seriously long finish. Put this away to enjoy at its best".

Angus Hughson, Vinous 8 September 2022

93 pts - "Again, the 2021 season has given a tropical/mineral/green (not unripe) line to the wine. I like the 2021 Burnside Vineyard Chardonnay far less than the other vintages, but it retains its own brand of poise. Perhaps, to be fair to the wine, it is too early to make an assessment on it, given what we know about the wine's capacity for evolution over five years. I look forward to standing corrected on this wine, but as I see it today, it is what it is.".

Erin Larkin, Wine Advocate
7 July 2022