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2021 HAZEL'S VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

Review Summary

95 pts - "McHenry Hohnen's trio of single-vineyard chardonnays are made identically, so the result is a reflection of site for each, yet Hazel's Vineyard also reveals more of the winemaking inputs in its youth. Great wine though. Yellow stone fruit, grapefruit and pith plus a range of spices. The flavours build across the generous palate filled out by creamy, nutty lees and some chicken stock flavours, which are lees derived. Yup, moreish and savoury."

Jane Faulkner, The Halliday Wine Companion 2 August 2023

95+ pts - "Vanilla, plenty of chewy-pithy-fleshy citrus. Bold on the reduction side, which is flint dialed up. There are crunchy almond biscuits and very-very zesty and bitter pure citrus essence. Fresh cucumber thread of sweetness comes into play too. Milk powder dust on the nose. Powdery chalky mouthfeel. Concentration is through the roof. It needs time to fuse. But it will fuse into one beautiful thing, no doubt."

Kasia Sobiesak, The Wine Front 19 May 2023

95 pts - "Enticing aromas of grapefruit pith, melon skin, struck match, nougat, grilled nuts and white flowers. Really smart. Textured, layered, mouth-filling and long. Flavours are in the citrus and just-ripe stone fruit zone, along with a lick of nutty, complexing oak and punchy, mineral acidity. A tightly coiled wine that has plenty to offer now and will age very nicely."

Aaron Brasher, The Real Review 20 August 2023

94 pts - "An exceptional nose, subdued, classy and confident. Nougatine, cantaloupe and jasmine notes, with a hint of cedar, reverberate across a mid-weighted palate with a juicy acid spine and strident length, taut and indelibly creamy all at once. Loam and gravel marks this single vineyard expression. A joy to drink. Drink or hold. From biodynamically grown grapes."

Ned Goodwin MW, James Suckling 28 June 2023

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93 pts - "The 2021 Chardonnay Hazel's Vineyard is quite a classic Margaret River style, carrying both generous levels of flavour while retaining trademark finesse. Exuberant pineapple, grapefruit and tangy blossom fruits jump out of the blocks well matched by high quality, reserved new oak. Fantastic grapefruit flavour impact follows driven by juicy acidity before more savoury toasted almond and nougat emerge over a long, flavoursome finish."

Angus Hughson, Vinous June 2022

92 pts - "The cooler year doesn't sit as harmoniously in the 2021 Hazel's Vineyard Chardonnay as hoped: there are notes of Granny Smith apple, nashi pear and green pineapple. It is quite tropical and green, and minerally and herbal, too. This will/may evolve intensely over time, as the others do; however, at this early stage, it is very tight—almost linear—a touch green and closed."

Erin Larkin, Wine Advocate 7th July 2022