

**2023 HAZEL'S VINEYARD
CHARDONNAY****Review Summary**

96 pts - "The most complete of the three McHenry Hohnen single-vineyard wines. There's a seashell minerality here, with fruit firmly in the citrus spectrum and dried herbs nudging. Cheddar, sea salt, yellow peach and brined lemon. Fruit is ripe and layered, with crunchy acidity, spring blossom and white peach skin with a pine needle crunch and curry leaf spice. While there is fruit concentration and power, there is also a light-handed yet firmly driven thread of acidity. What really sets this apart, though, is the succulence and purity of fruit at its core."

*Cassandra Charlick, Decanter
4 June 2025*

95 pts - "The 2023 Hazel's Vineyard Chardonnay shows more flesh and ripe positioning than the Calgardup Brook tasted alongside it. Here, cilantro, kiwi fruit, white pineapple, white flesh stone fruit and chamomile tea adorn the bouquet. The wine is imbued with piercing acidity and a silky, lush nougat-marzipan character. The purity and flow of the wine from a textural standpoint is one of the highlights. This is polished, svelte and very smart. 13.5% alcohol, sealed under screw cap."

*Erin Larkin, Wine Advocate
22 November 2024*

95 pts - "Planted 1999. Hazel puts me in mind of Hazel Hawke, likely a long suffering wife. And also eyes. My stupid, but successful brother has hazel eyes, as did my dad. Mine are blue, like my mum. Curiously I was always my mum's favourite, whereas my brother was the golden/hazel boy for my dad. Strange details to add to a wine review, but hey, that's what I do. White nectarine, lime, a very Margaret River feel to this, some aniseed and cedar, and a bit of flinty grip to texture. There's lime and lime rind, salted cashew, and a juicy yellow fruited finish of excellent length. A bit spicy and warm on the finish, but a beautiful expression of MR chard all up."

*Gary Walsh, The Wine Front
25 September 2024*

94 pts - "This young yet approachable Hazel's Vineyard Chardonnay is beautifully composed with seamless aromas of kumquat, nectarine and peach fuzz wrapped up in toasty oak. Good vibrancy with a fuller, creamier texture than 2022 in a flavoursome style. Fleshy with lacy acidity and holds well on the finish."



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*James Suckling, [Jamessuckling.com](https://www.jamessuckling.com)
24 November 2024*

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*Huon Hooke, Real Review
16 January 2025*

98 pts - “The vineyard stamps its character on this from the get-go. Notes of lemon scents with lightly roasted cashew and faint struck match. The palate is intense and with a fine acidity and minerally character defining it through its linear range. Beautifully integrated and tightly coiled before releasing through to a sustained finish. A wine that will really show its true worth in another few years.”

*Ray Jordan, Ray Jordan Wine
2024*