



McHENRY HOHNEN

MARGARET RIVER

2019 BURNSIDE CHARDONNAY



Grapefruit, grilled peach and freshly baked pastry give way to flinty complexities. Wild ferment and extended time on lees contribute to a delicious savoury character to the palate which is both powerful and defined by a core of natural acidity. From a heritage Margaret River vineyard on the river bank, this Chardonnay captures the unique character of this unique site.

Vintage Report

Vintage 2019 required meticulous vineyard management as a result of cooler than average temperatures, wet conditions and low sun exposure. Careful canopy management, precise picking decisions and accurate fruit sorting were essential for producing high quality wines. The Marri trees didn't blossom and the birds were hungry resulting in a lower than average yield despite our extensive netting program. Smaller canopies in our dry farmed vineyards and regular leaf plucking enabled us to pick ripe, clean fruit and produce whites with excellent purity and great natural acidity. Reds benefited from the long ripening season showing elegant tannins and great aromatic lift.

Winemaking

Hand-picked, whole bunch pressed and transferred directly to oak with full solids. Fermented by the native yeasts in barrique (approximately 30% new). Post ferment, barrels are left cool but unsulphured for 4 months to encourage autolytic activity. Batonnage every two weeks based on flavour and partial MLF to balance the high natural acidity of this vintage. Wine was racked with full lees to tank in December and spent two months on lees in tank before bottling in February 2020.

Vineyard

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

Grapes

100% Single Vineyard Chardonnay
Gingin clone

District of Origin

100% Margaret River

Analysis

Alc 13.3%

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