



McHENRY HOHNEN



2023 BURNSIDE VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

Voluptuous and expressive, this wine shows fresh almond pastry, pink grapefruit zest, and roasted hazelnut aromatics. Wild fermentation with full solids 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 intensely flavoured 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 cold, and we experienced a cool but dry spring. Good flowering conditions secured good yields. Summer was dry with relatively mild temperatures leading into January; Summer brought fantastic weather with warm, sunny, and breezy days, but without heat stress for the vines. Excellent diurnal temperature variation set us up for a highly aromatic vintage, with freshness and perfect phenological ripeness.

WINE MAKING

Sourced from the hilltop section of this 40 years old, dry farmed vineyard. The small bunches were hand-picked, whole bunch pressed, and the juice transferred directly to oak with full solids. Fermented by native yeast in the finest selection of French oak barriques (approximately 40% 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 January 2024.

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%

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