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MARGARET RIVER

## 2017 BURNSIDE CHARDONNAY

A wine of pedigree from a heritage Margaret River vineyard, the 2017 Burnside Chardonnay displays the benchmark notes of cashew and roasted almonds. Aromas of pink grapefruit, melon and nectarine give way to nuances of Jasmine tea and natural ferment complexity. The palate combines power and grace with light brioche dough and lemon curd framed by a core of creamy acidity and an oyster shell-like minerality. Generous in both flavour and acidity, the uniqueness of this wine captures Burnside's personality.

### Vintage Report

After desirable conditions during flowering, the summer started cool and wet, slowing down the growing season significantly. Conditions improved in late February, developing into a perfect Indian summer. The result is whites that are packed with energy and poise, and reds that got the benefit of a long, cool ripening period; tannin ripeness and complex flavour development. Alcohols are lower than previous years, even with greater physiological ripeness.

### Winemaking

Hand-picked, whole bunch pressed, full solids and wild fermentation in barrique (approx. 25% new). Post ferment, barrels are left cool but un sulphured for 4 months to encourage autolytic activity. Batonnage every two weeks based on flavour and partial MLF. Wine was racked with full lees to tank in December and spent two months on lees in tank before bottling unfiltered.

### Vineyard

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

### Grapes

100% Single Vineyard Chardonnay  
*Gingin clone*

### District of Origin

100% Margaret River

### Analysis

Alc 13.3%  
pH 3.16  
TA 7.1g/L



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