



## **BackVintage™ 2016 Reserve Yarra Valley Chardonnay**

### **Nick Bulleid MW Tasting Notes**

The 2016 vintage in the Yarra Valley followed a warm, dry growing season and produced generously flavoured, yet still characteristically fine Chardonnays. The grapes for this wine came from vineyards in the lower Yarra near Dixons Creek, Yarra Glen and Coldstream. They were whole bunch pressed to obtain the finest juice. This was then fermented in both French oak barrels and stainless steel tanks with light solids to gain texture and flavour. Finally, it matured for nine months on lees to gain further mid palate and texture.

<b>Colour</b>	Pale lemon yellow.
<b>Nose</b>	Fine honeydew melon and cashew aromas with subtle oak.
<b>Palate</b>	Medium bodied and elegantly structured. Fresh melon flavours and a little white peach. A suggestion of nutmeg from French oak adds complexity. Finishing with good length, light texture and crisp acidity.

Yarra Valley Chardonnays are typically understated in their youth and the antithesis of the big, "peaches and cream" older style Australian Chardonnays. This is delicious now as a fresh, fruit-forward wine, but it will gain more richness and complexity until at least 2019. It's beautiful with poultry and seafood dishes; with age, richer roast white meats.

### **Winemaking Notes**

Sourced from a combination of vineyards which were picked between the 22<sup>nd</sup> February and 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2016.

Yields ranged between 2.5 and 3.0 Tonnes / acre, mostly hand picked.  
Baumé ranged between 12.5–13.0

The Chardonnay was whole bunch pressed, cold settled and racked with light fluffy lees. Inoculated at 15 degrees and fermented cool to dryness in a combination of French oak and stainless steel.

It was matured on lees for 9 months.

Alcohol	13.0%
SO2 Free	36 ppm
TA	6.0 g/L
pH	3.15
Bottling Date	14 <sup>th</sup> February 2017

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