



BackVintage™ 2017 Chardonnay / Pinot Cuvée Brut

Nick Bulleid MW Tasting Notes

The Chardonnay and Pinot Noir parcels selected for this wine are from vineyards in Victoria's rugged high country in the King Valley. The combination of high altitude and cool climate results in slow, even ripening of the grapes; ideal conditions for producing sparkling wines with fine flavours and high natural acidity.

One of the best King Valley vintages in recent times. A cool dry summer combined with a warm dry autumn. Near perfect conditions providing steady warm days and cool nights which is ideal for ripening grapes. These conditions allowed the flavours and aromatics to develop in balance with the sugars during grapes ripening allowing for vibrant whites with great flavour, colour and tannin, drinkability and longevity.

Winemaking Notes

The fruit was harvested during the cool of the night and gently handled to preserve the delicate fruit flavours and minimise phenolics in the final wine. Selected parcels underwent malolactic fermentation depending on their level of acidity. The Chardonnay (61%) and Pinot Noir (39%) parcels were kept separate until the final blend. Prior to secondary (yeast) fermentation the base wine was kept on lees for 12 months to build extra yeast complexity and texture whilst still maintaining freshness.

Colour	Pale straw in colour with green gold tints.
Nose	The nose is delicate and fruit driven with aromas of citrus zest and green apples and an attractive bready complexity from extended maturation on yeast lees.
Palate	The palate is crisp and fresh with green apple and cashew nut flavours. Time on lees has given the wine an attractive creamy texture on the mid palate which complements the fine line of citrus acidity leading to a refreshing, dry finish.

Picking Dates	February & March 2017
Alcohol	12.0%
SO ₂ /L	33 ppm
pH	3.5
Residual Sugar	3.5 g/L
Bottling Date	14 th February 2018

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Retail Price **\$12.99 per bottle** (includes GST)