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VINE To WINE

## 2019 Chardonnay

### 2019 Chardonnay - flavour, finesse & focus...



Chardonnay lovers rejoice! This release doesn't skip a beat due to the fantastic growing season that was 2019. Warm days, cool nights and low rainfall have produced an elegant and aromatically charged Chardonnay that's imbued with deep flavour and scintillating drive. Headed to be one of our most highly rated Chardonnays with praise for both its power and precision. It also helps that it's just delicious!

### 2019 Chardonnay Tasting Note (\$46)

**Bouquet:** A perfumed nose of lemon & lime zest preludes the ripe yet focused white peach & nectarine stone fruits. A sense of wet stone minerality ripples throughout, providing cleansing contrast to more savoury aspects of fennel seed, lees driven pastry all subtly framed by French oak spice.

**Palate:** Bolts of ripe white peach, preserved lemon and grapefruit pith the front and mid palate before the mineral acidity pulls the palate long. Encapsulating the palate throughout is an assuaging creaminess driven by the 14 months on lees in French oak. Drinking beautifully now though it will easily see out this decade in the cellar.



### 2019 Curly Flat Chardonnay Reviews

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### Curly Flat Chardonnay Cellar Release 6 Pack

Next in our museum release series we turn our attention to not one, but several vintages of Curly Flat Chardonnay. While every vintage speaks for itself, insights are often gained when wines are tasted alongside each other.

Alternatively, it's a great way to bolster your cellar with some rare Curly Flat vintages. This compelling pack features some of our most highly rated Chardonnays, including the sensational 2011 Chardonnay that's drinking beautifully. Speaking of beautiful, this premium history pack comes in a special branded wooden box. All up this premium history pack is priced at \$300 and is, by nature, limited in quantity.



### 2011 Chardonnay

"In the mouth it's precise and fine, long and refreshing. A superb wine with a long future."

**97 points, Gourmet Traveller WINE**

### 2014 Chardonnay

"Lovely wine, focused, concentrated and very long, with great potential."

**96 Points Huon Hooke, The Real Review**

### 2015 Chardonnay

"If you were served this wine in Burgundy, you'd be thrilled."

**17.5/20 Jancis Robinson**

### 2016 Chardonnay

"Footy player power, ballet dancer delicacy. Delicious full bodied Victorian Chardonnay."

**95 points Andrew Graham, Oz Wine Reviewer**

### 2017 Chardonnay

"There's complexity and a vibrancy to the acidity as it glides effortlessly to its long finish."

**95 points James Halliday, Wine Companion**

### 2018 Chardonnay

"Impressive and so resolved, this is their best chardonnay to date."

**96 points, Nick Stock (James Suckling.com)**

For full tasting and season notes head to our website

## MoVida Returns to Curly Flat

We're more than excited to fire up the kitchen at Curly Flat for special Sunday lunches and first up on the (paella) pans is MoVida! Frank Camorra and his team return to us on **18th April** with their special blend of tapas and shared plates and of course, the best paella in the country! Simply not to be missed but seats are limited, and will sell like hot churros. Tickets are **\$195** per head, all inclusive. Also, transport options are available, if required, let us know when booking via [mail@curlyflat.com](mailto:mail@curlyflat.com) or calling at 03 5429 1956.

### Vintage 2021 so far, so good!

Being well over half way in the growing season, our collective minds are focused on harvest which looks to be late March going into April. Our crop is starting to go through veraison, where the vine shifts its focus from berry development to berry ripening, taking on its varietal colour and flavour.

As for the season's weather, it has been cooler than normal, though not by a great deal; so this is a moderate growing year that's neither hot nor cold and without excessive rainfall. This all bodes well for the classic slow ripening conditions that makes for powerful fruit imbued with perfume, deep varietal flavour, structure and length.

Our records suggest similarity to the stellar 2012 vintage, which bodes well. That said, it's the weather from here on in that will determine the unique character of 2021 but, so far, so good!

### Cellar Door is open!

Our cellar doors are wide open and it's the best place to taste our wines and hear about the vineyard behind them. Come taste the new release 2019 Chardonnay alongside the 2018 to see the different seasons in the glass. And then there's the Pinot Noir of course! Cellar door is open Friday to Monday 12pm- 5pm. Other days available, just call or email us prior to visiting.



*Veraison in Pinot Noir.*



*Great growing conditions!*



## Full reviews for our 2019 Curly Flat Chardonnay

"The wine epitomises the potential of the Macedon Ranges for cool climate varieties; there is such concentration and texture yet only 12.7% alcohol and a baseline of mineral acidity that is more akin to quality Burgundy. The nose has white peach that is laced with spice and almond meal, the palate shows an understated elegance with stone fruits and lees inputs building slowly whilst being tempered by citrus and lifted by spiced impact of quality oak. The finish has piercing stone fruits, mealy richness and driving acidity that both hold your attention and focus now, but underwrite a significant future for the wine." **96 points, Patrick Eckel ([winereviewer.com.au](http://winereviewer.com.au))**

"Curly Flat is something of an "insiders" wine, much loved by members of the trade; mainly because of reliable quality and terrific value. Owner Jenifer Kolkka brought winemaker Matt Harrop on board a couple of vintages ago and the wines continue to shine; this rather Burgundian chardonnay, more Meursault than Chablis...Concentrated stone fruit aided and abetted by mineral acid drive. Lovely stuff." **96 points, Winsor Dobbin ([wdwineoftheweek.blogspot.com](http://wdwineoftheweek.blogspot.com))**

"This white is evocative. There's some cookie dough and mealy oak/lees on the nose but the palate doesn't follow through with the suggested width. No, it's lean and taut. There are layers too – oak and winemaking playing a part, but the fruit well up to the job. Complex and fresh? Goldilocks wine this, and utterly involving because of it. Would I buy it? In a heartbeat" **95 points, Andrew Graham ([ozwinereview.com](http://ozwinereview.com))**

"Portuguese tart, spice, grapefruit and lemon zest, maybe some nectarine. It's a wine characterized by its creamy gloss and nougat, but with a ripcord of electric citrus acidity and tight juicy flavour. Creamy, cinnamon pastry, all the zest and tang, flecked with aniseed, and flinty river pebble things on a long finish. It's really good, albeit very intense." **95 points, Gary Walsh, The Wine Front ([winefront.com.au](http://winefront.com.au))**

"Barbecued peach, figs, cashews and hazelnuts pull at the heart strings. Lick your lips with a delightful creaminess. Whole bunch pressed, 35% saw old French oak and 65% went through MLF. Wonderfully weighted, the fruit is superbly balanced. A cleverly placed squeeze of lemon chimes in with a nougat delish factor. Terrifically fleshy with a hint of minerally vibe, I love the drive and I love the generosity. Chardonnay lovers rejoice." **95 points, Q Wine ([qwinereviews.com.au](http://qwinereviews.com.au))**

### Coming Up at Curly Flat...

Along with harvest just around the corner, there are some other good things coming up at Curly Flat.

First up our **2020 White Pinot & Pinot Gris** will both be available mid-March.

In our May newsletter, we'll be releasing our **2019 Curly Flat Pinot Noirs** (Estate, Central & Western) along with announcing **more lunches at Curly Flat** with Cutler & Co. (aiming for July) and French Saloon.

Also, keep an eye on our socials, there's always something happening in the vineyard, winery or cellar door!



*May Release:  
2019 Pinot Noirs*