



# 2016 Curly Flat Chardonnay

## Tasting Note

**Bouquet:** A complex nose of bakers spice and white florals, struck match and sea spray salinity. Notes of lemon curd, preserved lime and fresh fig form a nose that is rich yet delicate.

**Palate:** Powerfully elegant citrus driven palate, with grapefruit leading the charge. Seamless structure and mineral acidity provide elegant undercarriage and length to the immediately satisfying front and mid palate.

**Cellaring:** Drinking very well now, rewards await cellaring over the next five to ten years.

## Season notes

Summer was consistently warm, but not hot, with only one day exceeding 40° at our vineyards. Most days were in the low 30s or less. The season started earlier and maintained an intensity throughout. The combination of our site and the 2016 season have combined to form powerful wines of concentration while maintaining the tension and length to age gracefully for many years to come.

## Reviews

*Lots of tension with very bright fruit. Lots to bite on. Crystal clear.* 17 points **Jancis Robinson**, [jancisrobinson.com](http://jancisrobinson.com)

*Bright straw-green; a rich and complex wine with good balance between the fruit, oak and acidity.* 95 points **James Halliday**, Wine Companion

*Footy player power, ballet dancer delicacy. Delicious full bodied Victorian Chardonnay.* 95 points **Andrew Graham**, Oz Wine Reviewer

*A beautifully pure, precise and crystalline expression of the Macedon Ranges, the earliest harvest in history has done nothing to disrupt its clean, vibrant purity, cut with lime and lemon juice and almost ripe white peach.* 94 points **Tyson Stelzer**, Wine Business Monthly

*A Chardonnay welcoming you with open arms... Delicate and precise, aromas of soft yellow fleshed stonefruit are wrapped in a neat parcel of vanilla and buttercream. Minerally vibes come easy, as does struck match. Well handled citrus peels back another layer of interest... Oh this is a treat.* 94 points **Steve Leszczynski**, Q Wine

*What a staple of the Australian fine wine scene these chardonnays are... It's refreshing in its fruit flavour yet layers in complexity of winemaking. It drives with vitality yet shows concentration and verity of fruit flavour. It feels composed, precise, long. It's a class act.* 93 points **Mike Bennie**, The Wine Front

*This is a splendid old-school chardonnay bursting with flavour (white peach, honeydew melon and fresh fig) and braced by well-structured tannin... The fruit that shines through is underpinned by savoury complexity.* **Peter Bourne**, Gourmet Traveller Wine

*Power and elegance co-exist happily here with a brisk citrus zing and more restrained peachy notes. This is a wine with delightful architecture and plenty of length, allied to tension and poise. It's main strength, however, is that it is downright delicious.* Wine of the Week **winsordobbin.com**

Alcohol: 13.6% - pH: 3.22 - TA: 7.2 g/L - MLF: 20%

Oak: 18 months in French oak. 37% new, 63% older