



2017 Curly Flat Chardonnay

Tasting notes

Nose: An aromatic nose of white stone fruits infused with fragrant lime blossom. Fennel along with hints of struck match and wheatmeal provide further complexity.

Palate: Nectarine, white peach, hints of pear merge with grape fruited citrus, all of which line up to be embraced by the cool charge of acidity. Inputs of subtle French oak and creamy lees provide both a savoury and textural frame for its luxurious length. In unison, these elements form a palate of great vitality while maintaining scintillating tension and focus.

Cellaring: Drinking now and over the next 8 - 10 years.

Season notes

“The power of the 2014s combined with the fragrance and detail of the 2015s” is how Curly Flat winemaker Matt Harrop has described our 2017 vintage. A year of moderates. Not a day over 40°C, warm days extending into March coupled with cool nights giving us slow, steady (perfect) ripening conditions. This season without extremes allowed great balance, elegance and aromatics in our wines. Our 2017 wines show excellent concentration and the texture and tension to age gracefully for years.

Reviews

This has bunch and weight in equal measure. Fuller-bodied with stone fruit, lemony tones; creamy and very moreish thanks to its restrained nutty/leesy flavours. There's complexity and a vibrancy to the acidity as it glides effortlessly to its long finish. 95 points **James Halliday**, Wine Companion

It blossoms as it breathes but of course extra time in bottle is what it really needs. White peach, citrus, hazelnut praline, a certain chalkiness, a suggestion of smoked bacon. It's going to be an absolute ripper in time. 94 points **Campbell Mattinson**, The Wine Front

I adore the energy and the purity in this wine. Fruit is the hero in this wine with faint white peach and lemon flavours. Oak sits nicely in the background, providing gentle support but not crowding the fruit in any way. I love the way the acidity heightens and lengthens the flavour. Delicious. 94 points **Toni Paterson**, The Real Review

This pitch-perfect result is as refined as any I can remember from this legendary little estate. Pristine fruit, tense malic acidity and high class oak united seamlessly in a long and harmonious palate of enduring potential. 94 points **Tyson Stelzer**, Wine Business Monthly

This intense and very vibrant chardonnay has a tightly layered and focused feel with aromas of lemons, pears and white peaches, leading to a composed and compact palate that has terrific concentration of flavor. So pure. 94 points **James Suckling**, jameessuckling.com

It's deliciously balanced and one a Chardonnay lover will just embrace. Go here. 94 points **Steve Leszczynski**, Q Wine

This is an epic Curly Flat release. The finish is long and shows impeccable balance. 96 points **Patrick Eckel**, winereviewer.com.au

Alcohol: 13.0% - pH: 3.32 - TA: 7.0 g/L - MLF: 35%
Oak: 14 months in French oak. 35% new, 65% older