

VITICULTURE

Estate block B,C,D and South Block **Harvest date** 4 &11 March 2020

Vine clone, age & features

Mendoza, P58 and Gin Gin clone Chardonnay. The fruit is selected from 3 adjacent blocks in our original vineyard planted in 1983. Mendoza is planted in 2002 and noted for its low phenolics, higher acidity, and hen and chicken bunch structure.

Site selection

The heritage blocks of B, C and D have a north-west aspect and represent a perfect site for Chardonnay. All three blocks have deep soils and a cool micro-climate. South Block is currently our only south facing site, planted in 2002 to Mendoza clone.

Vintage notes

Whilst 2020 was marred by bushfires around Australia, southern Victoria had one of its cooler years through December to February, and one of the wettest January on record. This slowed down ripening and pushed harvest into the latter part of March. These conditions give elegance and finesse.

WINEMAKING

Skin contact time Whole-bunch pressed **Yeast type** Indigenous

Fermentation time Two weeks **Malo-lactic ferment:** None

PH 3.31 **TA** 6.3 g/L

Alcohol 13%

Cooperage Francois Freres, Mercurey and Bossuet

Vessel type, age and size

French Oak: 20% new barriques and a mix of one to two year old barriques (225L) & puncheons (500L)

Winemaker notes

Racked directly to barrel after whole-bunch pressing, this wine is the purest expression of TarraWarra Chardonnay. Made without yeast or acid addition, the fruit batches from each block are kept entirely separate in barrel over the 10 months in oak. It is crossflow filtered without fining before bottling at the Estate.

Notes of oyster shell, sea spray, minerality, and citrus. It strikes a perfect balance between fruity generosity, crispness, and acidity. Minimal oak presence allows pear, lychee, clean citrus, and a hint of sea salt to shine. It's a clean, coastal delight with a lingering finish.

