GLEN GARVALD

2023 GLEN GARVALD CHARDONNAY

Varietal blend

95% Chardonnay; 5% Grenache Blanc

Harvest date(s)

10 -27 March: Chardonnay, 21 April: Grenache Blanc

Bottling date

17 January 2024

Oak treatment

95% French Oak (10% new). Grenache Blanc fermented in a

concrete tulip tank.

Alcohol content

12.5% v/v

Analysis

3.49 pH 6.6g/L TA

Preservative

Sulphur dioxide (Preservative 220)

Production volume

264 dozen

Aging potential

10+ years

Winemaking

Fruit was hand-picked & hand-sorted prior to whole-bunch pressing. Cloudy juice was racked to oak & concrete vessels for fermentation via a mix of wild & inoculated yeast. Wines matured on lees deposits for 4 months with minimal stirring prior to

blending.

Winemaker's notes

This single-vineyard wine represents our first steps in exploring the clonal possibilities for extending & enhancing the future prospects for continued premium Chardonnay production on the Yarra Valley floor in a warming climate. Incorporating a lead from the historic practice of the warm region southern Rhône Valley, whereby complementary companion varieties are blended together to provide further structure, harmony & complexity, we have incorporated a small percentage of Grenache Blanc in this first point of our learning curve.

The wine walks a measured line between tension and weight, sinew and silk.

Aromas: white nectarine, Makrut leaf, lime marmalade, nashi pear, jasmine bud, pyrethrum daisy, creamed macadamia & marzipan.

Palate: Walks a fine line of tautness & relief. Grapefruit pith, lemon thyme, nougat & *Artemesia*, Weighted & more-ish tactile phenolics help draw the palate to a long finish.

This wine is suitable for vegans.

