

## Tasting Notes

Hand crafted from premium quality Chardonnay and Pinot Noir grapes, this perfect aperitif style is ideal for everyday entertaining.

Hand picked from the elevated cool region of Eden Valley, the Pinot grapes show elegant flavours of strawberries and logan berries balanced with the honeysuckle and citrus flavours from the Chardonnay fruit. The finished wine displays delicate, yet quite intense flavours balanced with the pleasant creamy mouthfeel and crisp dry finish.

## Vineyard Notes

Eden Valley is a cool climate region nestled between 400 and 600 metres above sea level and is part of the Barossa and Mount Lofty Ranges. It is rough, rocky country that belies its ability to produce wines of great delicacy and finesse.

The soils are derived from schistic and sedimentary rock with red clay soils and sandy, silty loams interspersed with schistic gravels.

The cooler climate of the Eden Valley allows fruit to experience longer ripening periods which is perfect for flavour accumulation and intensity.

## Vintage Report

Eden Valley experienced a dry, early and quick vintage in 2013 with harvest beginning in mid-February for many wineries. The Bethany team hand picked the Pinot Noir and Chardonnay in the last week of February retaining the fresh vibrant fruit flavours of the grapes.

Despite the lower than average yields, the quality is excellent across the region.

## Winemaking Report

**Traditionally fermented** in this bottle.

The grapes were carefully hand-picked and whole bunch pressed. The free run juice was separated quickly from the skins and neutral yeast added to maintain varietal expression. Fermentation occurred over 8-10 days at a stable temperature of 12-15 degrees. The wine was fined and cold stabilised in preparation for an extended 23 month period on firage.

The **creamy mouth feel** on the palate is due to the ageing on lees, which also adds the moreish **'bready' characteristics** to the palate.

## Awards

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## Bethany 2013 Chardonnay Pinot Noir Cuvee

### Region

Eden Valley

### Blend

52% Chardonnay / 48% Pinot Noir

### Acidity

7.3 g/L

### Alcohol/Volume

12.5%

### Residual Sugar

2.7 g/L

### Wine Maker

Geoff and Robert Schrapel

