

2017 CHARDONNAY

WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

Chardonnay is generally recognised as the world's greatest white variety — a versatile grape that produces fine wines in many different regions. The Blue Pyrenees Chardonnay 2017 has been created from three different outstanding Chardonnay fruit parcels selected from mature vineyard blocks. The 2016/2017 growing season was the coolest & wettest for many years, with a warm dry Autumn to finish, which produced healthy vine canopies, above average crops & plenty of grape berry flavour development. Harvesting at approximately 13.0* Beume sugar level helped capture ripe flavours & the balanced but complex mineral style Chardonnay that is famous in many regions around the world. Fifty per cent of this wine was matured for nine months in used French oak barriques, so traditional & contemporary techniques were used to craft this wine — notably natural fermentation, barrel fermentation & yeast lees stirring or battonage, which has added both complexity & richness to the vineyard-derived fruit flavours. The result is a medium-bodied crisp dry white wine with the classic complex flavour profile sought in great Chardonnays.



<i>Region</i>	<i>Grape Varieties</i>	<i>Winemaker</i>
Pyrenees, Western Victoria, Australia	Chardonnay	Andrew Koerner

Colour

Yellow straw with deep green hues.

Aroma

Nectarines, toasty French oak & barrel ferment yeast complexity dominate the aromas.

Flavour

A fleshy stonefruit front palate, followed by a creamy yeast & Malo-Lactic derived mid palate, plus

a long structural finish driven by turbid juice solids complexity, cedary French oak & crisp mineral acidity.

Cellaring

Can be enjoyed now or cellared with confidence for five years.

Technical Details

Alcohol: 12.8%
Total Acidity: 5.78 g/L
pH: 3.40

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— Huon Hooke

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