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CHARDONNAY



2016 Pettavel Platina Yarra Valley Chardonnay

From the best block on the Meroo Vineyard, hand-picked, whole-bunch pressed, cold-settled, fermented in French oak (30% new), matured for 9 months. Bright straw-green; a very interesting chardonnay, planned from the ground up to provide an extra layer of varietal fruit flavour on the vine. It has hallmark Yarra Valley white peach and grapefruit flesh and zest, gaining power as the wine travels along the palate before grilled cashew and cream appear on the very last burst of flavour on the finish and aftertaste. 13% alc.

RRP \$39 / 2031 / Pettavel
pettavel.net



2016 Shadowfax Macedon Ranges Chardonnay

18-35yo vines, mainly clone P58, hand-picked, whole-bunch pressed, wild-fermented in barrel in the underground cellar, matured in French hogsheads (30% new) for 9 months. Gold medal Macedon Wine Show. Gleaming straw-green – considerable depth, but very bright. A powerful and intense wine with excellent varietal character, balance and length, handsomely ticking all the boxes. Continues a history of success by Shadowfax, with verve and style. 13% alc.

RRP \$36 / 2026 / Shadowfax ★★★★★
shadowfax.com.au



2017 Stefani Estate Vigna Stefani Yarra Valley Chardonnay

Extraordinarily pale colour, but there is nothing light or inconsequential about the intensity and length of the wine, nor its varietal expression, which, of course, are the cornerstones of Yarra Valley chardonnay. Barrel ferment characters are present, but oak per se isn't obvious, the wine gaining intensity and grip as it is retasted, and as it finishes. 13.5% alc.

RRP \$30 / 2029 / Stefani Estate ★★★★★
stefanistatewines.com.au



2017 Giant Steps Applejack Vineyard Yarra Valley Chardonnay

Sets the Giant Steps chardonnay winemaking pattern: minimal vineyard intervention, hand-picked, whole-bunch pressed, wild-fermented in French puncheons (20% new), no mlf, matured for 10 months. A lovely wine having opened its arms wide to the cool, high-quality vintage, the notable Applejack Vineyard adding to the purity of the grapefruit, Granny Smith apple and stone fruit flavours. As cool as a snow-fed mountain stream. 13% alc.

RRP \$50 / 2027 / Giant Steps ★★★★★
giantstepswine.com.au



2016 Mac Forbes Hoddles Creek Chardonnay

From 0.8ha planted on volcanic loam in '97, matured for 9 months in used oak. A very attractive wine with the tension and life the Upper Yarra makes easy. A light to medium-bodied blend of 50% white peach, 40% grapefruit and 10% Granny Smith apple. The decision to use cork guarantees the wine will be sabotaged long before the end of its natural life. 12.5% alc.

RRP \$60 / 2021 / Mac Forbes ★★★★★
macforbes.com



2016 Moss Wood Wilyabrup Margaret River Chardonnay

Is always the richest and fullest-bodied of the top-end of the Moss Wood portfolio of chardonnay with its multi-tiered stone fruit and creamy cashew flavours. It is largely about the site and the age of the vines, so fiddling with the style isn't/wouldn't be to the advantage of the wine. 13.5% alc.

RRP \$65 / 2030 / Moss Wood ★★★★★
mosswood.com.au



2016 Woody Nook Single Vineyard Margaret River Chardonnay

Hand-picked, crushed, destemmed, fermented in French oak (33% new) with cultured yeast, no mlf, matured for 9 months. Bright straw-green; the bouquet is initially slightly muffled, but the palate throbs with intensity, drawing saliva, and imperiously imposing grapefruit, stone fruit and mineral acidity. No room for argument, this is a very good wine. 13% alc.

RRP \$35 / 2024 / Woody Nook ★★★★★
woodynook.com.au



2015 Geoff Weaver Lenswood Chardonnay

Chilled grapes were whole-bunch pressed, settled and wild-fermented in French oak (50% new), matured on lees for 12 months, 50% undergoing mlf. A smoky/toasty edge to the white peach of the bouquet gives scant warning of the drive of the palate. Here grapefruit juice and zest take hold with a grip in the 'stop, stop I love it' genre. Impressive wine. 13.5% alc.

RRP \$45 / 2025 / Geoff Weaver ★★★★★
geoffweaver.com.au