# **Reserve Chardonnay**

#### 2019



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#### **Campbell Mattinson | The Wine Front**

June 2021

This is Yarra Valley chardonnay in superb form. It's inherently complex and indeed powerful but importantly it's also deliciousness writ large. Grapefruit, stone fruit, citrus pulp and cedar combine here in the most harmonious of ways. There are aspects of both flint and lactose but they are tucked well within the overall whole. It is, in short, a wonderful white wine.

## 95 POINTS

### **Halliday Wine Companion 2022**

August 2021

Flavoursome yet somewhat reticent... There's a lovely fragrance and the palate is full of citrus and some stone fruit, all spiced up with a layer of creamy lees; not much, just enough.

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### Angus Hughson | winepilot.com

June 2021

This is a wine that starts shy, but then grows on you to reveal all of its layers and finer details. Bright mid straw, it starts delicate and restrained with a tight core of melon, nectarine and citrus fruits. Oak makes its presence known but only in the background to support high quality fruit. There are also layers of savoury, malty barrel ferment, adding yet more layers. What follows is a beautifully silky palate; highly complex fruit of great purity including crushed cashew and butterscotch are underscored by creamy acidity that provides a wonderfully long finish, again well supported by exceptional oak treatment. Fine balance throughout suggests this wine has a long life ahead, although it is already absolutely delicious.

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#### Huon Hooke | The Real Review

May 2021

Very light, bright colour. Similar restraint on the nose, with some creamy lees and toasted-oak nuances and sotto voce fruit, the palate savoury, dry and somewhat lean. It seems to be still in its shell, ready to burst out given a little time and patience. Clean and refreshing, dry finish and good persistence. An excellent wine in the making.

#### Morgan Dunn | winepilot.com

June 2021

Lots of ripe cut orchard fruit straight out of the glass – apricot, firm peach and crunchy nectarine with a flinty edge. The wine is powerful and focused; less of that full mouth feel and more dexterity and precise textures. Shelves of fine acidity build up the sides of the palate. There's a long mineral finish, pure and clean like spring water and lingering whiff of caramel tart in the background.

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#### Ray Jordan | winepilot.com

June 2021

Clonal influence is important here, with the dominant Mendoza clone supported by two others and contributing to the resulting mouthfeel and flavour profile. The intensity in this reserve has come from the small berries that were a product of a warmer Yarra Valley vintage. The oak regime also plays a key part with a mix of oaks from new to five year old worked in a way that is subtly influential. On the nose a combination of savoury mealy aromas work together. Then into the palate that dry, savoury character is accentuated to good effect. It's a complex wine that gradually builds in the mouth to a very long palate with a subtle minerality on the finish.

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Josh Raynolds | Best Press

September 2022 Excellent clarity.

