



2017 'Selection' Chardonnay Barossa Valley

Winemaker: Christa Deans

100% Chardonnay from premium Binder estate vineyards in the Barossa Valley, made with Christa's trademark white winemaking expertise.

THE VINEYARDS:

The fruit for this wine comes from two separate estates, 100% Barossa Valley grown. The Binder family 'Chri-Ro' vineyard on Stelzer Road features gravelly loam vineyards with some patches of sandy loam. The other source is our 'Riedl' vineyard at Vine Vale which comprises of light sand over clay.

THE VINTAGE:

The 2017 vintage wrapped-up four to six weeks later than the 'new normal' of the past decade, the growing season started after a long wet winter and one of the wettest Septembers on record. 2017 promises to deliver an exciting array of wine styles, from "bright, aromatic wines", through to "vibrant, intense, well-structured" and "dense, concentrated" wines from the Barossa's many diverse sites.

THE WINEMAKING:

Small batches of Chardonnay are picked and carefully processed through a tank press with some skin contact. The juice commences fermentation in stainless steel. A portion of fruit from each vineyard is fermented in French Oak puncheons, a combination of new and seasoned oak, for up to 6 months, imparting a variety of complexities. The wine is aged on lees then blended, and bottling took place late September.

ANALYSIS: Alc. Vol 13.5%, Acidity 6.6 g/l, pH 3.5

THE PROFILE:

The wine has aromas of soft white peaches with hints of tropical fruits. The oak maturation has added a lovely soft edge and depth of palate while remaining balanced with the fruit details - peaches and cream characteristics.

CELLARING:

Made to drink young and fresh, but could be aged for 3-5 years.



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