

Briar Ridge



Single Vineyard Range

2019 'BRIAR HILL' Chardonnay

VINTAGE

Vintage 2019 was an excellent year for the Hunter Valley. Another extremely dry year saw ideal ripening for both whites and reds without any extreme heat. The resulting whites are fresh and concentrated with good mid palate fruit weight. 2019 will be a vintage spoken about for many years to come.

VINEYARD

Our Single Vineyard Chardonnay block is grown on well-drained sandy loam soils located in the heart of Hunter Valley wine country NSW. It is a south facing slope. The vineyard has drip irrigation installed on each vine row to ensure vine health and consistency of quality. The crop yields are relatively low, producing excellent concentration of fruit flavour.

WINEMAKING

This block of Chardonnay was hand harvested and whole bunch pressed directly into French oak puncheons, both new and used, for full solids wild fermentation. The resulting wines were kept in barrel for a period of ten months before being blended, gently fined and prepared for bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Sourced from our Briar Hill block, this Single Vineyard Chardonnay is packed with intense fruit and winemaking artefact. White flowers, nectarine and gun powder notes fill the nose. The palate explodes with bright peach notes, wet stone and nutty characters. Crunchy white nectarine like acidity dances across the palate whilst a judicious use of oak provides structure and length.

CELLARING

Our 'Briar Hill' Chardonnay is made to be enjoyed now and over the next five years.

ALC VOL: 13.3% | STD DRINKS: 7.9 | BOTTLED: February 2020

pH: 3.46 | TA: 5.8 g/l



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