

Curly Flat 2011 Chardonnay

Our Tasting Notes

Appearance: Bright, light /mid gold.

Bouquet: A nose that is both subtle, yet complex. Fresh cut lime citrus opens the scene with white peach, grapefruit and floral notes following in support. Oak elements are in harmony with the fruit, providing a fine thread of spice which weaves elegantly into the more savoury elements of lightly toasted cashews, oyster shell & fresh straw.

Palate: At once lithe and luxurious, refreshing acid chimes throughout the lime, white peach, nectarine fruit wave. Savoury layers are formed by lees contact and balanced oak spice giving further density and dimension. A finely textured raft of silky tannins gracefully carries all elements to a long and lingering finish.

Overall Impression: Our most complete and enticing Chardonnay bottled to date, highlighting the very best of what cool climate viticulture can deliver. Restrained, yet powerful. Finessed, yet complex. Ripeness, but not at the expense of the acidity that is essential for long term aging.

Cellaring: This wine has only just begun its journey, one we expect to take 10 to 12 years. Whilst drinking well now, all elements will be served for the better by the added layers bottle age will expectedly deliver.



Reviews

"Bright, light yellow colour; very subtle restrained aromas, fresh and citrusy, the oak is almost invisible. In the mouth it's precise and fine, long and refreshing. A superb wine with a long future." **97 Points - Gourmet Wine Traveller**

"Fairly rich. Very clean and opulent. Savoury. Bright. Lots of fruit underpinning." **17+/20 Jancis Robinson MW**

"The 2011 chardonnay is a triumph no less. It is a great wine and - the cool, wet conditions of the 2011 "non-summer" can be seen as a positive for chardonnay. Wines made from healthy grapes, harvested earlier than usual and with lower alcohol strength, are often wines of great finesse. The Curly Flat chardonnay is such a wine. Smoky, toasty barrel-ferment oak and possibly a little low-level sulfide to sniff. Peach and nectarine, too. Smells rich and ripe, not like a wine from a cold, wet year. Very intense, fine and piercing on the palate. Superb acidity and great line and length. Excellent. Full of potential." **96 Points - Huon Hooke**