

2022

Stonier Reserve Chardonnay



Stonier is one of the original pioneers of the Mornington Peninsula, planted in 1978. It is family owned and run.

The Stonier Reserve Chardonnay represents the best wine we can produce from our Estate in Merricks, with historically the KBS Vineyard being the strongest component. The first release for this wine was in the 1985.

The Estate is on the cooler South East side of the Peninsula meaning the wines are always higher in natural acidity and freshness.

The 2022 season was influenced by unsettled weather the previous spring resulting in smaller crops. Mild weather and slightly above average rainfall best describes the growing season but a very dry February ensured that fruit ripened evenly and the grapes were in great condition for harvest.

The Reserve Chardonnay is a wonderful representation of our old Estate at Merricks with the KBS vineyard being the core component. Picked between March 15th and 21st 2022, each vineyard batch was whole bunch pressed and fermented separately in French oak puncheons (average 25% new, with the balance in one to five year old). Approximately 50% of the puncheons were selected to undergo partial malo-lactic fermentation. After almost 9 months in barrel, the vineyard components were blended and retained in tank for two months prior to bottling in March, 2023.

Tasting Notes

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| Colour | Pale straw with a green hue. |
| Aroma | Struck flint, beeswax, honeysuckle and spice infused citrus. |
| Palate | Citrus and stonefruit, underpinned by lovely stoney minerality with lacey white phenolics. This wine is destined to become more complex and expansive over the next 6 months and beyond. |

