

## The story of the wine ... LETHBRIDGE

## 2013 Allegra Chardonnay

Winemaking Description: The Fruit for the Allegra Chardonnay was sourced entirely from the historic Rebenberg Vineyard on Mount Duneed, an area first planted with vines in 1858. The premium fruit comes from over 35 year old vines yielding less than one tonne/acre, and was hand-picked at 13.2 Bé and pH 3.25. Fruit was whole bunch pressed and run into 100% new French oak puncheons (450-500L) without prior clarification. Fermentation occurred with indigenous yeast. Following the end of fermentation, malolactic fermentation occurred in barrel with natural yeasts. Wines were left in barrel on gross lees for a further 15 months prior to marriage and bottling. Extended bottle maturation of this wine will allow the tight

Reviews: "Low yielding 35yo vines from Rebenberg Vineyard at Mt Duneed, whole-bunch pressed to neg French oak puncheons, wild yeast, mlf and left on lees for 15 months. Wow - what a wines. At once full-bodied, rich and complex, yet vibrantly fresh and tight. The palate is stunning - a gorgeous lemon ginger-infused clotted cream character, savoury and a super length." 96 points, Jane Faulkner, Halliday Wine Companion

"Great to see a wine that delivers such a robust amount of flavor and perfume, without losing structure and drinkabilty. It's a have your cake and eat it wine!

Strange thing to say, but close your eyes, and you could almost imagine a Pinot Noir. There's a good deal of high quality oak laying down sweet spiced biscuits and perfume over white cherries and plum, nectarine, and aniseed too. Medium weight, with juicy ruby red grapefruit acidity and flavour, distinctly flinty and delightful texture, offering a heady mix of restraint and power. Finish is long, spicy and crisply mouthwatering. Great Chardonnay, and I suspect, there's more to come." 95+ points, Gary Walsh,

## The Wine Front

Vintage:	2013
Other vintages:	2004 - 2012
Grape variety:	Chardonnay
Vineyards:	Rebenberg
Bottled:	June 2014
Alcohol:	13.5%
Cellar potential:	5 - 10 Years
Cellar door prices:	\$85
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