

The story of the wine ...

2018 Lethbridge Chardonnay

Winemaking Description: The fruit for this wine comes from the Suma Park Vineyard on the Bellarine Peninsula yielding 1.5 tonne/acre and a small portion from the Yan Yan Gurt vineyard on the western side of Geelong, a fantastically cold part of the region. The hand-picked fruit was whole bunch pressed into 100% new French oak puncheons for fermentation and MLF by indigenous yeast on full solids. The wine components were then matured in 35% new French oak puncheons and 65% one-year old French oak barrels on gross lees for a further 11 months prior to blending and bottling.

## Awards & Reviews:

Gold Medal - 95 points, International Cool Climate Wine Show 2019

**94 points, Campbell Mattinson, The Wine Front** "It all goes through malo and it sees 35% new oak. If you grow and pick the grapes right then malo is the way to go, as again evidenced here.

What a stunner. Complete chardonnay. Controlled, taut and contained but with richness and spark. Stonefruits, bran, flint, ginger and toast. A whisper of honeysuckle/vanilla. A class."

## 94 points, James Halliday

"Hand-picked, whole-bunch pressed, wild-fermented in French oak (30% new), matured for 11 months. Nice work - it all comes together very well."

Vintage:	2018
Other vintages:	2002, 2006, 2008 - 2017
Grape variety:	Chardonnay
Vineyards:	Suma Park & Yan Yan Gurt
Bottled:	January 2019
Alcohol:	13.5
Cellar potential:	7+ Years
Cellar door prices:	\$48



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