



LETHBRIDGE

## The story of the wine ...

### 2022 Estate Chardonnay

**The Story:** *In my musings and trying to make sense of the last few years I came across a word that struck me and which I felt was wholly appropriate for these challenging times. The word is 'Respair'.*

*'Respair' is an old English word that went out of common usage in the 15th century. A clear variation of 'despair' and abreviates from the latin 'sperare' (to hope). The opposite of despair is to repair, to have fresh hope, and to move beyond the gloom of desolation and despondency and have faith in the future. Despair is to see no light at the end of the tunnel while respair maintains that the light at the end of the tunnel will return after darkness. Making wine helps me see this. Seasons keep coming, there is always winter dormancy, green shoots of spring and inevitably an autumn harvest. Together with nature, we create wine and enhance the lives of ourselves and of others.*

**The Wine:** 2022 was a year marred by hail early in the season resulting in low Chardonnay yields. From vineyards in Geelong and surrounds, the grapes for this wine were whole bunch pressed and barrel fermented with wild yeast. The wine was allowed to go through malolactic fermentation and then aged for 11 months on lees in 60% new French oak. A vibrant wine where a riot of orchard aromatics are the prelude for a floral palate of white nectarine overlaying a delicate creaminess, beautiful drinking.



Vintage:	2022
Vineyards:	Hat Rock, Lethbridge, Suma Park, Dovan
Variety:	100% Chardonnay
Aging Potential:	10+ years
Alcohol:	12.9%
Cellar Door Price:	\$58