



## Rochford Reserve 'Terre' Chardonnay 2016

**Varieties:** 100% Chardonnay

### **Winemaker Tasting Notes:**

Fresh and concentrated aromatics. Each section of swallowfield's has contributed something here. White flowers, almond paste and citrus. Real elegance, balance and depth. Will continue to improve over the next ten years.

### **Viticulture Notes:**

Swallowfield is located in Gembrook, making it the southernmost vineyard in the Yarra Valley. While Gembrook is known for its volcanic derived red soils, Swallowfield sits on a granite outcrop. These quartz rich soils are perfect for growing Pinot Noir and Chardonnay.

This is the second release of our 'Terre' Chardonnay. A blend of Swallowfield vineyards block one I clone, 96 and 76 is the equivalent of a village wine.

2016 will be remembered as one of the warmest and earliest harvests on record. Above average yields and early ripening kept winemakers busy, highlighting the importance of time spent in the vineyard.

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**Harvest:** Hand-picked 9<sup>th</sup> February

**Vinification:** Crushed and pressed with full solids to aged oak puncheons, natural primary fermentation and no malolactic fermentation.

**Elevage:** 10 months on lees in French oak before being racked and blended in preparation for bottling

### **Technical Data:**

Alcohol 14%

Vegan Wine