



Reserve Range Isabella's Vineyard Chardonnay 2017

Varietal: 100% Chardonnay

Vintage: 2017

Cellaring: 5-8 years+

Alcohol: 13.0% Alcohol

Harvest: Hand-picked 23rd February

Vinification: Crushed and pressed with full solids straight to oak (20% new), both primary fermentation and malolactic were natural

Levage: 10 months on lees in oak before being racked and blended in preparation for bottling

Tasting Notes: Impactful, powerfully fruited and luxuriant, this classically balanced but luscious young chardonnay has a zesty bouquet of grapefruit, lemon and a faint chalkiness backed by suggestions of vanilla oak, smoked meats and nougat. It's long and textural, with a thickness and fatness that remains tightly bound by a taut, racy acidity, culminating in a finely tuned finish of shape and focus. Its potential to cellar is quite astonishing.

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Viticultural Notes: Located within 2 kilometers of Rochford's Hill Road Winery at Coldstream - 40 kms east of Melbourne, the grapes for this wine come from the property formerly known as Briarty Hill and renamed 'Isabella's Vineyard' upon its purchase in 2009. This exceptional vineyard is situated at the eastern end of the contour that is home to some of the districts most celebrated vineyards, all of which share Briarty Hill addresses. Grown on ancient mountain derived sandy clay loams, these rocky soils combined with our forty year-old vines are at the heart of this wine. A north-facing slope, sheltered and protected from wind and frost by the preceding hill. This single vineyard Chardonnay is sourced from the cane pruned Block 2 site. After several warm growing seasons, 2017 was a return to a classic Yarra Valley harvest producing balanced, elegant wines with wonderful natural acidity.