



# STOCKMAN'S RIDGE®

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ORANGE, AUSTRALIA

## **MEDIA RELEASE: October 2018 – Storm Sparkling and Outlaw Chardonnay**

From their vineyard to their unique alternative wine varietals, there's no doubt that Stockman's Ridge Wines of Orange, NSW continuously stands out from the crowd. And it goes to show with their release of their premium Sparkling, Storm.

As with every great wine, it all starts in the vineyard and owner, Jonathan Hambrook, especially within the Orange Region. The region, with its growing reputation for producing fantastic Sparklings and Chardonnays, has top quality competition which keeps Stockman's Ridge Wines pursuing excellence with every bottle, and it has been paying off.

We are pleased to announce, this year we have garnered the accolades for all our hard work. Our Storm Sparkling has taken out **Bronze** in the 2018 NSW Small Wine Makers Wine Show; **Silver** in 2018 Australian Single Vineyard Wine Show, 2018 Rutherglenn Wine Show, and 2018 Australian Highland Wine Show; and **Gold** in our own 2018 Orange Wine Show and more recently **Trophy** for Champion Sparkling Wine of Show at the Australian Small Winemakers Wine Show.

The 2011 Storm is produced using 98% Chardonnay and 2% Pinot Meunier grown on the slopes of Mt Canobolas at an altitude of 870m. Aging for a minimum of 5 years on lees, it creates a harmony of pineapple, guava, fresh cut citrus with hints of green apple, ending with complex toasty notes. Opulent on the palate, with luscious and voluptuous mouthfeel that bubbles up for a crisp finish.

As for our Outlaw Chardonnay, the awards have caused a stir and people have started taking note. Collecting **bronze** at 2018 Australian Single Vineyard Wine Show, 2018 NSW Small Wine Makers Wine Show, and the 2018 Melbourne International Wine Competition; **Silver** at 2018 International Cool Climate Wine Show; **Gold** at the 2018 Rutherglenn Wine Show and the 2018 Orange Wine Show; and collecting the **Trophy** at the 2018 Australian Highland Wine Show.

The 2016 Outlaw Chardonnay displays exquisite fruit. Harvested from an elevation of 800m then barrel fermented, it exhibits as a light golden hue in the glass and all the characteristics necessary of a stellar chardonnay. Aromas of crisp cut apple, peach, and lime with sweet notes of crème brulee. There is a persistent depth of flavour from a slight mineral content to fresh nectarines, tangy lemon meringue and smoky roasted cashews. All with the buttery oak finish.

### **Pricing & Distribution**

2011 Storm Sparkling retails for **\$40**

2016 Outlaw Chardonnay retails for **\$40**

These new wines are stocked in selected Bottle Shops and Restaurants, and through the Stockman's Ridge Cellar Door which is open 5 Days a week from Thursday to Monday 11am to 5pm as well as via the Stockman's Ridge website: [www.stockmansridge.com.au](http://www.stockmansridge.com.au)

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