



# 2019 'Pioneer' Tasmanian Chardonnay

### Region

The Tamar Valley is located in the north of Tasmania, a cool climate wine region synonymous with Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. A diverse region influenced by the Tamar River, with rich and fertile soil, and gentle rains that arrive from the Southern Ocean. A renown region for producing exceptional quality wine.

## Vintage

2019 provided an excellent vintage for Tasmania. It was a warmer than average season, with measured heat and it was generally dry, reducing disease pressure. With above-average yields in Tamar Valley, fruit purity and quality are outstanding.

#### Wine

The grapes were picked early to maintain finesse. The fruit was whole bunch pressed, and the juice was minimally settled, no yeast was added allowing the wild yeast to take over the fermentation, wine was sent straight to barrel and a small percentage of new oak. After fermentation the wine was left without sulphur for a few months to allow natural malolactic fermentation to occur and to allow lees contact to increase texture. The wine was left on lees for six months. This Tamar Valley Chardonnay is full of citrus and stone fruits, cradled harmoniously with nutty oak. On the palate is texture, lemon zest, pear and fine tannin. Ready to enjoy now, however you will be richly rewarded should you choose to cellar until 2025

#### **Technical Details**

Alc: 12.8% pH: 3.13 TA: 7.9 g/L