



GRAPE VARIETY

Chardonnay

COLOUR

Green, Pale Straw

NOSE AND PALATE

Green Nectarine. Lemon Sorbet. Slate. Mineral.

VINEYARD REGION

Borrodeell Vineyard, Orange

VINEYARD ALTITUDE

930m above sea level

WINE ANALYSIS

Alc/Vol: 12.5% pH: 3.29 TA: 7.44g/L RS:<1.0g/L Yeast Type: Wild

WINEMAKER

Will Gilbert

PEAK DRINKING

Now until 2031

VINEYARD CONDITIONS

Sourced from the foothills of Mt Canobolas, at an altitude of 870 to 1030 metres, these vineyards have extremely fertile soil, rich in volcanic ash. It is deep, well drained clay loam, and red and brown ferrosol soils derived from basalt, with silty textures being found at hill top sites. One of Australia's cooler climate regions, Orange has a mean January temperature of 19.5°C with a 15°C variance between summer and winter months, and an average rainfall of approximately 875mm per annum. With Orange being the highest wine growing region in Australia, grapes grown here not only enjoy all the benefits of its cooler temperatures and unique topography, but also benefit from over 9 hours of direct sunshine per day during the growing season. The combination of both the cooler climate and plentiful sunshine is vital to the fruit's ability to develop intense aromas and maintain flavour, giving these grapes a long mouth feel and flavour profile.

WINEMAKERS NOTES

Handpicked and sorted at harvest, these grapes were harvested in small lots in the early morning to take advantage of the cool morning temperatures to maintain optimal freshness. The fruit was whole-cluster crushed and pressed. Following this the juice was cold settled overnight without the addition of enzymes. Still with a high NTU, the high solids juice was racked to concrete egg and old neutral oak where primary fermentation took place. During this time no malolactic fermentation occurred with minimal battonage. 10 months maturation on full lees in concrete and old neutral oak prior to being stirred and transferred to stainless steel for a further 6 months, still on full lees. Bottled in June 2021.

A fresh, lively and focused style of Chardonnay highlighting a unique expression of the site, its elevation, and terroir.