

Tasting Notes



The Katana

2021 CHARDONNAY

THE WINE

Capturing the essence of two unique Adelaide Hills Chardonnay vineyards. Wild yeast fermentation in French oak barriques overlays a background of minerality with lemon zest and white nectarine. Elegant, complex, refined.

VITICULTURE

The grapes were from Kenton Creek vineyard at Gumeracha and Charlie's Patch at Charleston and were a mixture of I10 V1 and Bernardi 76 and 96 clones. 2021 vintage was noted for big crops, but a long, cool but sunny ripening period ensured good flavour development and racy acidity.

WINEMAKING

The Bernardi clones were hand-picked, chilled overnight and then whole bunch pressed, while the I10V1 was machine harvested.

These two parcels were rough settled and transferred to French oak barriques (25% new) for fermentation.

Both fractions were allowed to undergo malolactic fermentation to increase complexity and texture, and both remained on their yeast lees until they were blended together and bottled in October 2021.

SPECIFICATIONS

VARIETY	100% Chardonnay
GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION	100% Adelaide Hills, South Australia
ALCOHOL	13.0%
CELLARING POTENTIAL	1 -5 years

