

Olivias Chardonnay 2007

Winemaker: Anthony Miceli

Picked: 27/3/2007- 13/4/2007

Bottled: 24/4/2009

Winemaking: Hand picked and whole bunch pressed, to maintain maximum fruit and minimum extraction of hard skin tannins. Fully barrel fermented with mild juice oxidation at low temperatures to attain creamy mouthfeel and maximise palate length. This wine has undergone 100% malolactic fermentation, which we feel has added further complexity without detracting from the fruit characters. Retained on fermentation lees, in barrel, for more than a year, to allow full oak integration, complexity and depth.

Oak: 25% new approx, 100% French

Analysis: Alc 14.0 pH 3.40 T/A 7.0 Residual sugar <0.3 g/l

Tasting Notes:

An powerful yet elegant wine with complexity and subtlety.

Brilliant pale straw. Peach, cashew, citrus, vanillan oak with some butteriness and struck match. Smooth mouthfeel and fine acid balance, with great length of flavour.

This wine is fermented in oak, remaining in contact with its yeast lees for a full year to develop depth and complexity.

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Cellaring: With barrel and bottle age this wine is drinking beautifully now but will continue to improve for at least a further 5 years, developing honey and toastiness in addition to the delicious fruit.

Winemaker's Comments:

Not over-oaked by this length of ageing, it shows lovely balance and integration, remaining "fine" and demonstrating the elegance and length only possible with long ripening in cool conditions.

Whilst fully ripened from a warm year, this wine still maintains great balance with fresh acidity and citrus notes, and is a true expression of our climate - our "terroir". The range of picking dates adds to our ability to retain a good acid backbone and balance the richness of very ripe fruit with the delicacy of lesser ripe components.

A long way from "mainstream" Australian Chardonnay it does not rely on brute strength, alcohol, or sugar to impress.

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Awards:

GOLD	Wine Wise Annual Tasting
SILVER	International Wine Challenge
Halliday	93 points 2012 edition