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# STARGAZER

## 2020 TASMANIA CHARDONNAY



### Vineyard

The fruit for the seventh release of Stargazer Chardonnay was sourced from Bernard Brain's vineyard at Ouse, high in the Derwent Valley. Planted in 1999 on own roots, the soils are white silica sand over sandstone and clay. The site is north-east facing and of moderate vigour at approximately 100m above sea level. The clone is Bernard 76 and the vines are cane pruned and trained to a VSP canopy.

### Vintage

After another dry winter in Southern Tasmania, budburst commenced in the Pinot Noir around the middle of September. Relentlessly windy and cold conditions over spring and through to summer saw delayed shoot growth and a challenging flowering period. The end result - open canopies and lower-than-average yields - allayed much of the handwork we do in the vineyard in a normal season. Every month of the growing season over 2019 and 2020 had lower-than-average temperatures except January, which was average. The cooler year, lower yields and open canopies delivered fruit with great intensity and driving acidity.

### Tasting Notes

Pale straw yellow in colour with plenty of stone fruit notes on the nose: nectarine skin and grapefruit pith intermingled with some nougat and hazelnut skin complexity. The oak characters are subtle and supportive. The palate is fleshy and textured showing lemon curd and cashew butter richness, with plenty of acid liveliness through to the back palate.

### Technical Information

- Hand harvested on 24 April 2020 at 12.7 Bé.
- Whole bunch pressed and transferred directly to oak for ferment.
- Wild ferment (indigenous yeasts) in French oak puncheons (500L); 30% of which were new.
- Partial malolactic fermentation (around two-thirds).
- No lees stirring and eight months in oak on lees prior to blending, with three months in tank before bottling.
- Bottled 15 March 2021: 13.5% alc., 3.34 pH, 8.5 g/L titratable acidity.
- Total production: 4092 bottles.

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