



HELEN'S HILL

SINGLE VINEYARD YARRA VALLEY



Helen's Hill Breachley Block Chardonnay 2020

ABOUT

Our Breachley Block Chardonnay is sourced from vines from our Breachley block, a patch of Chardonnay vines planted in 1984, 13 years prior to the rest of our vineyard. These vines produce exceptional fruit at low yields each and every year. The reason for this is a combination of the site itself and the viticultural standards we adhere to. No expense is spared in our quest for producing fruit capable of creating cool climate chardonnay of incredible quality.

2020 VINTAGE REPORT

After a relatively dry winter, the Yarra Valley experienced one of the wettest spring ripening periods we have in the past decade. As a result crop loads were inconsistent and lower than average across the board. The cooler conditions continued through summer keeping the vineyard team on their toes to ensure no disease crept into the vines or fruit. Once ripe, the fruit in 2020 looked incredible, as low crop loads and cooler conditions combined to result in intense flavours and high natural acidity. A truly great vintage for cool climate varieties like chardonnay.

WINEMAKERS NOTES

The fruit is 100% hand picked at harvest. It is then gently pressed into tank where it settles before being transferred into our finest French oak puncheons for primary fermentation in barrel. No inoculation is required as our wild vineyard yeasts are all that is necessary to complete the ferment. We use a mixture of new and old oak (30% new). The wine is allowed to complete 25% malolactic ferment to add complexity and mouthfeel. After nine months in barrel the wine is lightly filtered and bottled.

TASTING NOTES

Bright pale straw colour with an intense bouquet of stone fruit and struck match. The palate follows the nose, leading with citrus and lemon. The vibrant acidity of this wine it's youth displays the hallmarks of the cooler 2020 vintage. Subtle touches of french oak play around the edges of this wine to provide structure and balance. The oak influence combines nicely with MLF to provide a long finish and creamy mouthfeel.



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