



BELLBRAE ESTATE

2018 Bellbrae Estate 'Boobs'

Chardonnay *Geelong, VIC*



Background

We have named our premium Bellbrae Estate wines after our local Surf Breaks. Boobs is a right-handed reef break to the East of Bells Beach and Winkipop breaks. Local legend has it that the 'Boobs' surf break is named after Bobby 'Boobs' Johnson, who was given naming rights after being the first person to surf there in the early 1960's. It also may be due to the shape of the cliffs surrounding the beach.....Much conjecture remains today.

Winemaking

Hand-picked and whole bunch pressed. One third matured in new French oak barriques and the balance in 2 and 3 year old barriques, all for 7 months on fine lees.

Tasting Note

Continuing on from where we left off with 2017 wine, the 2018 has elegance and fruit drive written all over the first sniff. Lifted aromas of Lime and Citrus fruits are underpinned with a hint of cashew derived from the French oak maturation. The first sip will discover more Citrus fruit drive as well as a hint of Lemon Sherbet with an excellent acid line throughout the palate. Again the subtle use of oak barrels gives the wine structure that the fruit characters and the creamy texture of yeast breakdown from Battonage, can hang off. Made to be enjoyed now, this wine will also reward the astute collector for 8-10 years.

Technical

Grape:	100% Chardonnay
Soil:	Sandy Loam over Limestone
Location:	Surf Coast , Geelong Region
Oak Treatment:	33% New & 66% 2-3yr French Barriques for 7 months on fine lees
Wine Analysis:	Alc = 12.5%, pH: 3.12, TA: 7.6g/l
Production:	95 dozen