



PROVENANCE

2022 Provenance Golden Plains Chardonnay

Vineyards

Our 2022 Golden Plains Chardonnay is a blend from across the three southwest Victorian regions of Henty, Ballarat, and Geelong. 50% is from the Doeven vineyard at Drumborg in the ultra-cool Henty region, a site strongly influenced by the proximity of the Great Southern Ocean. 30% comes from the Sinclair vineyard at Scotsburn, just south of Ballarat, grown in Ordovician period soils (old seabed), on a 500m elevation ridge 1km southeast of Mt Buninyong. The final 20% is from Ceres Bridge vineyard, with its rocky volcanic topsoil over a limestone base, close to the Barwon River in Geelong.

Growing Season

The 2021/2022 growing season was the third cool season in a row. Cold conditions at budburst and flowering led to small crops; these conditions continued across and post veraison, ensuring a later-than-normal harvest.

Winemaking

Handpicked across all blocks, the fruit was whole-bunch-pressed to tank, and after 24 hours the juice was roughly racked to French oak puncheons and barriques, 25% new. Indigenous fermentation in barrel, with careful monitoring of the individual barrels to ensure that each was captured at its peak in flavour and structural balance. The wine spent a total of 8 months in oak maturing on yeast lees before blending in tank, lightly filtered, and bottled.

Tasting Note

An enticing bouquet of lemon and mandarin citrus, mineral notes woven with subtle oak spice adding depth and complexity. Upon tasting, the wine reveals its balance of beauty and elegance. Orchard fruits, initially of granny smith apple and ripe pear, lead to hints of lime zest and fresh acidity balancing the wine perfectly. The texture and oak complement the wine by giving it a mouthfeel and weight.

Independent Review

“The fleshiness of the fruit here is quite something. It feels welcoming and generous and more-ish. It tastes of stonefruit and citrus, nougat and cedar, hay and sweet, juicy pears. It has excellent linger, and interest, to the finish, and while it’s easy to enjoy it’s more than that; its quality is blatantly clear.” **93 Points** - Campbell Mattinson. The Wine Front (Published 01 February 2024)

