

2022 Billy Button “The Classic” Chardonnay

So, chardonnay may not be as weird and whacky as some of the other alternative varieties in the Billy Button line-up, but how can you go past its classic characteristics and universal appeal? It may have gone out of fashion for a minute, but it is truly one of the world’s great varieties, and as a winemaker it offers one of the most awesome opportunities to have fun in the winery. The fruit is sourced from the Antonello vineyard at Buffalo Creek, the Greenacres vineyard at Merriang South and the Nicholson Vineyard at Porepunkah.

Production Notes

The 2022 “The Classic” Chardonnay has been produced from four of our grower vineyards within the Alpine Valleys wine region. Each vineyard brings such unique attributes, resulting in a wine that includes a variety of Chardonnay clones including I10VI and the exciting new clone to Australia clone 548.

Each parcel was hand harvested and whole bunch pressed, then filled to barrel with all the goodness of full solids. Fermentation occurs in barrel with a combination of selected wine yeasts and the wild yeasts from the vineyards. Wines are aged on lees for 9 months, with minimal stirring and sulphur added as required to each individual barrel. Some malolactic fermentation was also allowed to occur during maturation and a combination of large and small format French oak was used. Careful barrel selection and blending just prior to bottling resulted in approximately 20% new oak.

Tasting Note

The wine is complex and stylish with notes of attractive oak spice, and fresh white peach. The white peach continues onto a palate that displays cool climate line and focus and an appealing creamy texture.

Optimal Drink Window - drinking well now, likely to peak at 5 years. Cellar up to 10 years.

Technical details

Vineyard:	41.6% Antonello Vineyard - Buffalo Creek 36.0% Greenacres Vineyard - Merriang South 17.8% Nicholson Vineyard - Porepunkah 4.6% Souters Vineyard – Happy Valley
Region:	Alpine Valleys
Alcohol:	12.5%
Volume made:	332 dozen
RRP:	\$32

