



# MANDALA

— FINE WINES OF AUSTRALIA —

## 2023 Mandala 'The Compass' Chardonnay

***Chardonnay is an iconic Yarra Valley varietal, and Charles and his team have worked passionately to do the reputation justice with his Chardonnay wines.***

Classic, balanced, and truly Yarra Valley, this wine is named after the emblem of a Compass, meaning "four points lead to home". Charles has symbolised the four points in his Mandala to his four children who always centre him and guide him home.

### Tasting Notes

Pristine light straw green in colour, aromas are citrus and green apple driven with a hint of minerality and complex sulphides.

The palate has an attractive saline character with suggestions of white flowers, fresh linen and underlying ruby grapefruit. Highlights of spiced oak are apparent, working harmoniously alongside the primary fruit characters of the wine. A complex layering of flavours is finished with balance and poise.

13.2% alc.

### Winemaking Notes

Chardonnay clones P58 and 76 were selectively hand-harvested and processed separately. Both batches were whole-pressed with the initial free run drawn directly from the press tray into two new oak barrels (one for each clone). This nutrient-rich high solids ferment was then allowed to slowly ferment using natural yeast under temperature control.

The remaining juice was cold settled, racked to barrel and inoculated with specific yeast strains selected for their compatibility with the fruit's natural characteristics.

A portion of battonage in the 76 clone created weight and texture, whilst the purity of the P58 highlighted green apples and a remarkable ocean spray minerality. Matured in a mixture of 40% new and a mixture of older French oak it was allowed to rest for approximately 9 months before bottling.

