

100 NEW TASTING NOTES



2017 Amelia Park Margaret River Chardonnay

100% wild-fermented and matured in French oak for 9 months, and is hitting the high spots. White peach and a hint of honey couple with guava and gooseberry, oak in attendance but no more. It's the overall mouthfeel, luscious and creamy first up, then closing with chalky minerality, that creates the frisson of the wine. 13% alc.

RRP \$33 / 2025 / Amelia Park Wines ★★★★★
ameliaparkwines.com.au



2017 Pooley Butcher's Hill Single Vineyard Chardonnay

A wine of near-naked power, the accent on white peach/pink grapefruit/Granny Smith apple that ply their trade with equal insistence across the extent of the bouquet and palate. The finish and aftertaste accentuate the purity of the message. 13.5% alc.

RRP \$65 / 2030 / Pooley Wines ★★★★★
pooleywines.com.au



2017 Willow Bridge Estate G1-10 Geographe Chardonnay

Hand-picked, whole-bunch pressed to new and 1yo French oak for fermentation and maturation. Fresh, vibrant and perfectly balanced. White peach, nectarine and grapefruit aromas and flavours flow serenely between banks of integrated French oak. Still in its (secure) infancy. 13.4% alc.

RRP \$30 / 2037 / Willow Bridge Estate ★★★★★
willowbridge.com.au



2016 Umamu Estate Margaret River Chardonnay

Gleaming green-gold; combines richness and complexity with (unexpected) elegance and freshness, the conflicting streams finding the way to resolve their differences through an overpass of texture. I'd be inclined to enjoy the wine over the next two years. 13.5% alc.

RRP \$54 / 2020 / Umamu Estate ★★★★★
umamuestate.com



2017 Alkoomi Black Label Frankland River Chardonnay

Fermented in a mix of new and used French oak, and matured for eight months. An intriguing bouquet with a hint of gunflint reduction. The palate is led by grapefruit, melon and taut acidity that flows through to the finish. An elegant wine worthy of further time in bottle. 12.5% alc.

RRP \$30 / 2027 / Alkoomi ★★★★★
alkoomiwines.com.au



2017 Santa & D'Sas Yarra Valley Chardonnay

Hand-picked, whole-bunch pressed in new and used French barriques, matured on lees for 11 months with fortnightly stirring. The bouquet and palate are as intense as they are complex, the length of Yarra chardonnay on

full display through grapefruit, white peach and nectarine flavours. 13.2% alc.

RRP \$45 / 2027 / Santa & D'Sas ★★★★★
santandsas.com.au



2017 West Cape Howe Styx Gully Mount Barker Chardonnay

The top-of-the-range chardonnay in West Cape Howe's portfolio, sourced from the best estate vineyards in Mount Barker, fermented in the best French oak. It is supple and rich, offering a generous helping of stone fruits, allied with touches of cashew and cream, pulled back in by a string of citrusy acidity on the finish. 13% alc.

RRP \$30 / 2023 / West Cape Howe Wines ★★★★★
westcapehowewines.com.au



2017 Howard Park Flint Rock Mount Barker Chardonnay

From the Mount Barrow Vineyard, hand-picked, sorted and cooled, free-run juice fermented (including mlf) in used French oak and stainless steel, 10 months on lees. Considerable colour pickup/development, but it is bright and isn't a concern. It is a powerful wine, with white peach, grapefruit and a substrate of oak all competing for attention. 13% alc.

RRP \$28 / 2027 / Howard Park ★★★★★
burchfamilywines.com.au



2017 Ferngrove Diamond Frankland River Chardonnay

Machine-harvested a night, some cold skin-contact, fermented in new and 1yo French oak, matured for nine months. Has unexpected drive and intensity, with electrifying acidity to green apple, pear and stone fruit flavours. 13% alc.

RRP \$25 / 2027 / Ferngrove ★★★★★
ferngrove.com.au



OTHER WHITES



2018 Nick Spencer Tumberumba Gruner Veltliner

The 'I can do less than you' song of the label is a conversation point, but the wine heads in the opposite direction with clear aromas of white pepper on the bouquet, and a lemon/green apple palate that promises much with extended cellaring. 12.5% alc.

RRP \$30 / 2036 / Nick Spencer Wines ★★★★★
nickspencerwines.com.au