

Kangarilla Road Tasting Notes



2020 Kangarilla Road Adelaide Hills Chardonnay

Periods of unseasonably low temperatures in the Adelaide Hills and occasional strong winds during flowering resulted in highly variable fruit-set across the region. Exceptionally dry and occasionally hot conditions in December were a defining feature of the growing season. January and February brought cooler and wetter conditions, and ripening continued at a reasonable pace before slowing down due to cooler night temperatures.

Yields would have been similar to 2019 – lower than the long-term average – had it not been for losses to fire and smoke exposure.

The fruit was sourced from a single Adelaide Hills vineyard. Our Chardonnay is a fresh modern Australian style, citrus driven and complemented by the subtle use of oak. The oak component is unobtrusive yet critical to the overall aroma and texture.

Total Acidity g/L 6.23

Alcohol % 13.0

pH 3.4

Bottling Date July 2020

Winemaker Kevin O'Brien

Gorgeous aromas of nectarines, saffron pears and custard apples are entwined with floral notes of honeysuckle, jasmine and lemon myrtle all of which are caressed by a gentle spice.

There is a citrus crispness and textural creaminess to the palate reminiscent of citron tart and lemon delicious pudding. Green mango and gold kiwi fruit also feature; the finish and lingering length is all about pears.

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