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Clonale by Kooyong 2015 - Reviews

James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2017 Campbell Mattinson

About as delicious as chardonnay gets. Beautiful white peach and pear fruit, pure and sunny, angles slowly down to a sustained, toasty, mealy finish. A joy to drink.

95 points

Wine & Spirits Magazine, US, October 2016

This estate-grown chardonnay ferments in French Barriques, without added yeast and rests on the lees without stirring for ten months. It smells like sea spray, a coastal saline scent that carries through the wine's generous richness. Bright, floral and peppery, this would make an awesome wine for ceviche.

92 points

Wine Advocate, June 2016

Lisa Perrotti-Brown

The 2015 Clonale Chardonnay gives a ginger and warm peach nose with nuances of cinnamon toast, orange blossoms and honeysuckle. Light-bodied and wonderfully delicate on the palate, it has great flavour intensity and oodles of freshness, finishing with very good length.

90 points

WBM, May/June 2016 Mike Bennie

Balanced. Even. Seriously good. Assertive Chardonnay that kicks off with muck, oatmeal, ripe grapefruit scents and moves into the palate with some slipperiness to texture born from more oatmeallike savouriness, but there's definitive tang from acidity and ripe yet lean fruit profile.

94 points

Winsor's Choice, 30th March 2016 Winsor Dobbin

Glen Hayley was handed one of the least enviable tasks in the Australian wine industry when he was named the successor to Sandro Mosele, who had churned out world-class chardonnays and pinots for Kooyong and Port Phillip Estate on the Mornington Peninsula over the past decade with apparent nonchalance. On the evidence, however, of Hayley's solo debut releases, this excellent chardonnay and an impressive 2015 Beurrot Pinot Gris, Kooyong has not missed a beat in the changeover. This is one of Australia's best-value chardonnays; a blend of quality fruit from vineyards at Tuerong and Balnarring that hit just the right balance between cool-climate citrus and stone fruit flavours, along with hints of struck match and flint. It is tight and enticing with plenty of length and there is a whole lot of serious drinking pleasure here.

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BestWinesUnder20.com.au May 2016

Kim Brebach

This Mornington Peninsula chardy always shows impeccable balance and finesse without straying into the grapefruit spectrum. It's tight and crisp right now, more melon than stone fruit plus almonds and a hint of cream which tends to grow with age. A lot of class for the money.

94 points

Winefront, 4th March 2016

Gary Walsh

Always enjoy Clonale, which is something of a 'go to' wine for me. Lime, some yeasty funk, subtle struck match and cedar spice. Light to medium bodied, chalky and tight, ripe citrus flavours and maybe a little nougat gloss, and savoury and milky with it too. Finish is long and satisfying. Love drinking this. I'm immediately taken with it, and don't have to think too hard about the score. Super!

94 points