



Quartier Chardonnay 2018 – Tasting Notes

Our wines aim to manifest terroir: the integration of geology and soils with the macroclimate of our region, the mesoclimates of various sites within our region and the weather of the annual grape growing season. Our cultural operations in the vineyard and practices in the winery endeavour to articulate these unique characteristics diligently, respectfully and without artifice.

Vineyard

Quartier means neighbourhood in French and the Quartier varietals are a celebration of diverse terroirs on the Mornington Peninsula. The fruit for this wine is sourced from neighbouring vineyards in Balnarring and Dromana.

Winemaking

The grapes are gently whole-bunch pressed directly into a combination of French oak barriques (5% new) and stainless-steel tank, where fermentation takes place without inoculation. After fermentation, the wine is aged on lees (without battonage) for 8 months. It is bottled without fining and with minimal filtration.

Vintage

Following a wet Winter, budburst commenced relatively late in mid-September. The Winter rainfall set up the vineyards well for Spring with overall temperatures during Spring slightly higher than average accompanied by below average rainfall. Flowering

commenced mid late November with ideal weather conditions, resulting in one of the best fruit sets in many years.

The mild to warm conditions continued throughout Summer and veraison commenced in mid-January. Harvest delivered fruitful crop loads matched with very stable weather conditions, ensuring vine performance and good ripeness. Picking commenced late February and the viticultural team worked steadily until the beginning of April delivering outstanding fruit. The white wines display excellent acidity, depth and intense fruit flavours. The red wines look poised and elegant with powerful aromatics and a great balance between tannin and acid.

Tasting Note – November 2018

Pale, bright yellow-green. Inviting aromas of white nectarine, mandarin and fresh cut pineapple. The juicy palate delivers flavours of pear, lime and a gingery spiciness. Approachable without lacking complexity, the palate offers good length with the roundness of the fruit underpinned by a subtle lemon pith edge.

Alcohol

13.5%