



Kooyong Farrago Chardonnay 2023 – Reviews

Jancisrobinson.com, March 2025

Tamlyn Currin

The Farrago block is the smallest of the Kooyong vineyard blocks, planted in 1996 in Tuerong. North-facing, 100–120 m, on mottled soils with sandstone pebbles, bit of quartz. Spontaneous fermentation in barrel, 25% new oak, 10–12 months' ageing. Smells of roasting barley, a little bit of struck match. Really intense. Coils in on itself. Helical. Vertical. Within the cylindrical heart of the wine, yellow peach, yellow nectarine, orange flowers and then a long, long, gorgeous bitter seam. Just a baby but already elegant. Resonant.

17.5 points

Halliday Wine Companion, June 2025

Jane Faulkner

There is more fruit weight to Farrago compared to its sibling Faultline or even the Estate wine. Plenty of citrus here but joining in the charm factor are flavours of white nectarine and peach, sliced ginger and almost a wet stone character. The palate is full nutty lees, a dash of oak spice. Then the acidity pulls this together to a long finish.

96 points

The Real Review, July 2025

Huon Hooke

Light straw-yellow colour. The wine is delicate, reserved and youthful, with fruit-driven flavours of green melon, Granny Smith apple and crunchy pear. A hint of gooseberry later. The finish lingers on with bright fruit uncomplicated by too much artifact. Very good and has plenty of potential.

96 points

The WineFront, July 2025

Gary Walsh

White peach, grapefruit and lime, biscuit spices, aniseed, nougat, and a light smokiness. It has a cool juiciness, citrus and white peach, a slightly salty green olive and nutty flavour, fine chalk dust texture, lively acidity, with a stony and lime zesty finish of excellent length.

95 points

Wine Pilot, July 2025

Jeni Port

Where to start? Maybe with the touch of exotic Asian spices and lemongrass, such an alluring, intriguing aspect of the wine. Or the power of citrus? It's there to be enjoyed and is beautifully elegant. Or, how about that tight structure? Or the textural element which brings with it an easy flow of all of the above? Well, it really boils down to a little bit of each and the overall effect is a beautifully

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detailed Mornington Peninsula chardonnay which slurped up its 11 months maturation in French oak puncheons (20% new) and looks ready to take on the world.

95 points

Australian Wine Business Magazine, August 2025

Mike Bennie

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