



Kooyong Faultline Chardonnay 2023 – Reviews

Jancisrobinson.com, March 2025

Tamlyn Currin

From a 0.6-ha parcel in the Faultline vineyard, planted in 1996, north-facing, on deep clay soils, 100–120 m. Sustainable viticulture. Spontaneous fermentation. 25% new oak. This is powerful. Much more of everything than the Farrago, it's a wine with temper, torque and nervous energy. Driftwood and smoke and something crisply savoury. Tightly, tightly folded and ironed. Vintage-linen texture. Bay leaves and wild tarragon. White apple. Green peppercorns. Slatiness that becomes saltiness. Tastes like cliffs. Mouth-watering and moreish. Lots of drama here.

17.5 points

Vinous, June 2025

Angus Hughson

The 2023 Faultline Chardonnay is stylish, offering a compact core of melon, granitic and chalk dust aromas lifted by fine oak and gunflint. Acidity is masterfully managed and well-integrated with vibrant citrus flavours, delivering a finely tuned finish with decent length.

93 points

Halliday Wine Companion, June 2025

Jane Faulkner

Faultline has morphed into an impeccable single-block wine of pedigree, detail and finesse.. Layers of flavour, yet restrained,

nothing over the top here with grapefruit and lemon, struck-match flint, light cream-curd like lees. Moreish and savoury with mouth-watering acidity and a succulence throughout; really this is just so dammed good.

97 points

The Real Review, July 2025

Huon Hooke

Light, bright yellow hue; fresh and bright aromas of lemon, almond, meringue and crunchy pear. The wine is concentrated, fruit driven and full of energy, the palate flavour intense and beautifully rounded, with seamless harmony and terrific persistence. A sensational chardonnay which promises a big future.

97 points

The WineFront, July 2025

Gary Walsh

Grapefruit, lemon oil, green olive, mint, spice and cashew, a struck match character. It's all lemon and grapefruit, quite a bit of citrus peel bite and tang to it, distinctly flinty and with some subtle creamy and yeasty flavours, lime juice almost into a salt crust margarita thing, with a tight finish of excellent length.

95 points