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Kooyong Estate Chardonnay 2023 - Reviews

Wine Pilot, August 2024 Jeni Port

Plenty of citrus spring and bounce immediately upfront joined by aromas of white peach, nectarine and a touch of vanilla. Acid drive is a marvellous feature of this wine, bright and super fresh, an excellent platform for ripe, citrus and summer fruits. There's a gentle texture here, too, along with equally gentle spice notes and background mealy oak. While ageing is undoubtedly on its mind, it makes for top drinking right now.

95 points

The Real Review, September 2024 Stuart Knox

Light lemon colour. Fragrant stone fruit and pineapple on the nose, hints of bacon fat underneath. Powerful yet not weighty on the palate, a core of ripe fruits with nutty oak complexities building along the flow. There's ample acidity to control that power and as it carries very long.

94 points

The WineFront, February 2025 Gary Walsh

I love the intensity of fruit flavour here. It's both searing and juicy at once; the pear flavours are ripe and generous but then the citrus, grapefruit, flint and nectarine characters tear through the palate in the most dramatic of ways. This wine has quality written

all over it. It's textural, it's complex and it's long through the finish.

94 points

Jancisrobinson.com, March 2025

Tamlvn Currin

Planted in 1996 in Tuerong, north-facing, 100–120 m, on well-drained, low-vigour, sedimentary clay loams. Sustainable viticulture. Hand-picked, whole-bunch pressed, spontaneous fermentation in a variety of puncheons and barrels, 18% new oak. Bitter orange, pith and peel. Smoky and yet open and generously welcoming. Love the bitterness, ripe and firmly structural, threading through the wine. So much texture here! Very exciting.

17 points

Halliday Wine Companion, March 2025 Jane Faulkner

A great year for Chardonnay, so check this out. Flinty and fine, lightly aromatic and flavoured with lemon and peel, nougat, aniseed and ginger spice. The palate fleshes out with nutty, creamy lees yet remains neatly composed; it's still on a tight rein of acidity.

95 points

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Vinous, June 2025 Angus Hughson

The 2023 Estate Chardonnay is a finely tuned expression, its grapefruit and chalky tones lifted by touchers of gunflint and seasoned oak. The wine is elegantly styled with subtle citrus flavours and zesty acidity that carry through a lingering finish.

91 points