



Port Phillip Estate Balnarring Chardonnay 2025 – Reviews

Wine Pilot, JUNE 2026

[Ken Gargett](#)

The Balnarring vineyard enjoys considerable maritime influence from the Western Port Bay. The vineyard was established in 1997 and the Estate acquired it in 2007. The vineyard has three Chardonnay blocks in it and the fruit here is sourced largely from the oldest block. The fruit is whole bunch pressed into French barriques and puncheons, 20% of which were new. Fermentation took place over the following sixteen days and there was also a partial malolactic fermentation. Maturation was on lees for eleven months.

Very pale lemon in colour, this is tight, taut, pristine and balanced. There is evidence of early complexity, and we see hints of very gentle cashewy oak, along with notes of lemon, soft spices and grapefruit pith. A seriously impressive nose, the wine has excellent balance. Seamless with exceptional length and good intensity throughout, there is a touch of gunflint on the palate. A really good Chardonnay that will provide pleasure for ten years, this is cracking value.

95 points

The WineFront, MAY 2026

[Campbell Mattinson](#)

I kept wanting to just settle in and drink this, which is of course never a bad sign.

This is a wine of custard apples and nectarines, nougat and honeysuckle, peach and citrus. It has flow, it has flavour and it has excellent extension. It has a certain softness too, in mouthfeel terms, which despite its underlying tension gives it an impression of calmness. What perhaps impresses the most though, in the context of quality, is the drinkability of this wine. It's more-ish.

93+ points