



Port Phillip Estate Red Hill Chardonnay 2025 – Reviews

Wine Pilot, JUNE 2026

Ken Gargett

The Estate's vineyard at Red Hill has three parcels of Chardonnay, the largest, which is 1.3 hectares, is the oldest at 37 years. Thirty years ago, they planted another 0.3 hectares and then in 2013, a third parcel of closely planted vines. The fruit was whole bunch pressed into a mix of French oak puncheons and 350-litre barrels, of which 18% were new. Fermentation took place over sixteen days, and the wine spent eleven months maturing on lees, but without bâtonnage.

The nose has notes of peaches, nectarines, a flick of limes and florals. There is an underlying minerally texture and good power throughout. Good oak integration throughout. Impressive length, this is a wine with a good future. Enjoy this over the next ten to twelve years

94 points

The WineFront, MAY 2026

Campbell Mattinson

Grapefruit and lemon curd flavours come cut with nougat, citrus rind, sweet spice and woodsmoke. This is a stylish, direct, long-flavoured chardonnay with a long life ahead of it. It has a carry of mineral and tonic flavours through the aftertaste, and a bone-dry, no-compromised feel.

94 points

JacisRobinson.com, MAY 2026

Tamlyn Currin

The Red Hill vineyard, north and east facing at 140–160 m on deep red volcanic soil, was planted between 1987 and 2013. Sustainable viticulture. Hand-picked. Whole-bunch pressed to French oak. Spontaneous fermentation in mostly puncheons and a range of other oak barrels, with less than 25% new. No malolactic fermentation. Aged for around 11 months. Bright stone fruit, and the first impression is limpid, mountain stream over rocks, clear and running fast. A wine with a bright heart, pace and sharp focus, but also creamy almond nuttiness and delicious liquorice-smoky orange notes.

17/20 points