

Bare Winemakers Adelaide Hills Chardonnay 2020

Grape Variety: Chardonnay
Region: Adelaide Hills
Winemaker: Jasper Ryan
Closure: Screwcap
Alcohol: 13%
Pack Size: 12 Bottle Pack



Summary: Bare, in its most fundamental, means laid out for all to see. That's the joy of these three wines from three celebrated winemakers in three distinct regions. The Bare Winemakers celebrates wines made in a 'less is more' fashion by artisan winemakers from celebrated South Australian regions including the McLaren Vale, Adelaide Hills' and the Limestone Coast.

Vineyards: a single vineyard wine, located around the Forreston township in the northern part of the Adelaide Hills. A vineyard with a strong pedigree for growing high quality chardonnay. Planted in 1997 to an assortment of low yielding clones, namely I10V1, Bernard 95 and 96. The vines are grown on free draining alluvial soils over clay and a limestone bedrock.

Winemaking: Carefully harvested, and lightly pressed, with only the finest free-run juice retained. Naturally fermented to sugar dryness and then left on yeast lees for 3 months post vintage to build palate weight and texture. Minimal SO2 has been used in the making this wine.

Vintage 2020: 2020 will certainly be remembered as one of the more challenging vintages for vignerons in the Hills. Bushfires decimated many vineyards and smoke taint then proved a challenge. Although yields were down dramatically we were able to source some parcels of great Chardonnay fruit.

Tasting Note: Lifted lemon, grapefruit and a touch of peach are supported by toasted cashew and cinnamon-spice aromas. The palate has a lovely fresh acidity and rounded balanced mouthfeel. Very approachable but will mature well for the medium term. Try it with a roast chicken and all the trimmings.