



Elephant In The Room “Jumbo” Chardonnay 2018

Grape Variety:	100% Chardonnay
Region:	100% Limestone Coast (Padthaway)
Winemaker:	Corey Ryan
Closure:	Screwcap
Alcohol:	13.5%

Summary: The Elephant in the Room wines are proudly large in scale and expansive in flavour. Ignoring fashion and braving the scorn “wine thought police” Elephant in the Room was created to give consumers exactly what they want – full bodied and mouth-filling wines that deliver maximum pleasure. Each wine is sourced from slow-ripening cool climate vineyards in the Limestone Coast of South Australia and partially matured in French Oak before final blending and bottling by Corey Ryan.

Vineyards: Sourced from established vineyards in the coastal Robe district of the limestone coast. The sheltered aspect and consistent temperatures combine to ensure the retention of natural acidity in the elegant fruit harvested.

Winemaking: Picked partially by hand. The majority of the blend was vinified in stainless steel with high solids and oxidative handling with fifteen barrel fermented with lees stirring. About forty percent was aged in medium toast two and three year old French oak barriques for six months to add complexity before full malolactic fermentation.

Vintage 2018: Careful vineyard management is always required at the best of times but particularly in 2018 for the Limestone Coast as early November frosts caused a considerable reduction in yield. The timing of the frost event was okay from a ripening perspective and with a consistent and even temperature of the subsequent few months the fruit that remained developed beautifully with great bright flavours and fine, fresh acidity. Indeed 2018 is looking very good across all of the State of South Australia.

Tasting Note: Pale yellow in colour with a restrained nose of stone fruit and white peach, struck match and notes of creamy oak. The palate is bold and upfront with a burst of peach, guava and melon flavours and a rich and soft texture building to a mouthcoating and full back palate framed by subtle toasty oak. Fresh acidity gives balance before a soft dry finish.

