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2016 Chardonnay 'Jerusalem's Grace'

Two opposing Chardonnay vineyards handpicked on the same day. One in Karridale (Jerusalem) 7 km south of Margaret River. and one from Karridale (Grace). Both vineyards are surrounded by large red gum forests with one vineyard grown on red gravel and clay, the other on gravelly loam. The vineyards were chosen for their inherent personality more than anything else. Jerusalem had been neglected for years, the (gin gin clone) Chardonnay vines had gone wild and to this day there are still large trees growing within the rows.

They're the kind of vineyards you enjoy walking through, you imagine yourself sitting on the deck of the little wooden shack on the property growing old, drinking wine amongst good friends.

It's a weird thing to say but vineyards like this seem to grow better fruit.

Maybe because they are a little different and not so generic in the way they are grown. All I have to go on is the resulting wine, which I think is pretty special.

The fruit once hand picked was cooled to maximise aroma and finesse.

The grapes were then hand sorted to ensure only the highest quality fruit was let through to the press. They were then lightly cold pressed in whole bunches, very gently over a few hours. The juice was naturally fermented in French barriques (20% new) and left to mature for a further 10 months.

During this time it underwent a partial secondary malolactic fermentation and was gently stirred fortnightly to create complex layers of texture.

The wine was bottled into French glass unfiltered to maximise flavour.

Tasting Notes:

The wine is pale straw in colour. Subtle, elegant and delicate on the nose with butterscotch, vanilla, apple and stone fruit aromas. In the mouth, the wine is light and delicate with citrus and apple flavours, a mild creaminess and a long, smooth finish.

Balance was what we were looking for with this years Chardonnay. Balance of fruit, flavour, acidity, aroma and oak. The wine has layers of flavour almost tell a story. It's light yet structured, it's elegant yet complex and has this subtlety but length that lingers on and on. The more you look at it, the more it gives.

Variety: Chardonnay 100%

Vineyard: Karridale/ Willyabrup, Margaret River

Quantity: 198 dozen produced

Closure;

Winemaker: Nicolas Peterkin

RRP: About \$65



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