

WINE NAME	Diamond Chardonnay
RANGE	Orchid
VINTAGE	2022
WINE STYLE	Medium-bodied white wine
GRAPE VARIETY	100% Chardonnay
GROWING REGION	Frankland River - Ferngrove Estate
TECHNICAL DETAILS	Alc 12.5% pH 3.16 TA 6.2g/L RS 0.93g/L
APPEARANCE	Light gold.
NOSE	An aromatic and perfumed nose with pear, white nectarine, and lemon flesh.
PALATE	Flavours of nectarine, grapefruit and white peach are complemented by nuances of French oak and toasted almonds. The vibrant acidity provides excellent structure and balance to the creamy juicy palate.
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VINIFICATION	Fruit for the Diamond Chardonnay was handpicked in the cool early morning then stored overnight in our cool room and pressed as cold fruit the following morning. Barrels are filled directly from the press with the juice from this hand-picked fruit and then fully barrel fermented. Some barrels are left to 'wild' ferment. The resultant wine is then left on yeast lees with some batonnage for up to twelve months. Our winemaking team regularly taste these barrels to check on the maturation of the wine. This minimalist process allows the wine to mature with little intervention. The best barrels are then selected for the Diamond Chardonnay. The wine only ever leaves the barrels to be prepared for bottling. Estate bottled.
CELLARING	8 - 10 years.
FOOD	Parmesan encrusted chicken.
AWARDS	Silver - The Royal Hobart Wine Show 2023 Silver - Royal Queensland Wine Show 2023 Silver - James Halliday Australian Chardonnay and Cabernet Challenge 2023 Best Great Southern Chardonnay Bronze – Royal Sydney Wine Show 2023 Bronze – Perth Royal Wine Show 2023 Bronze – National Cool Climate Show 2023 Bronze – Southern Forest & Valley Wine Show 2023 Bronze – Royal Adelaide Wine Show 2023

