



WOLF BLASS

GOLD LABEL ADELAIDE HILLS CHARDONNAY 2016

GOLD LABEL ADELAIDE HILLS CHARDONNAY IS THE SUPREME EXPRESSION OF REGION & VARIETY. THE NOSE DISPLAYS ENTICING AROMAS OF STONE FRUITS, HONEYDEW MELON AND A HINT OF GRAPEFRUIT, WHILE THE PALATE IS RICH & BALANCED, WITH A FINE ACID LINE.

To create the Wolf Blass Gold Label collection, our winemakers select the definitive varieties of the very best South Australian wine regions to produce a range of progressive, elegant wines that showcase both regional and varietal excellence.

Our Adelaide Hills vineyards grow elegant, complex Chardonnays with clarity of fruit and regional expression. Select parcels of fruit were hand picked and whole-bunch pressed before fermentation in small batches using a combination of wild and cultured yeast and natural malo-lactic fermentation. The wine was left to mature on lees with regular barrel stirring to build texture and complexity.



WINE SPECIFICATIONS

VINEYARD REGION	<i>Adelaide Hills</i>
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	<i>The season began very dry, with a warm spring promoting strong canopy growth, and a moderate November ensuring good fruit set. Timely January rains refreshed the vines and allowed for good yields without impacting quality. A very mild February with cold nights slowed ripening, and warm March days with cool nights helped concentrate bright, elegant flavours while retaining long, fine acidity.</i>
GRAPE VARIETY	<i>Chardonnay</i>
MATURATION	<i>Eight months' maturation in 80% seasoned and 20% new French oak barrels.</i>
WINE ANALYSIS	<i>Alc/Vol: 13.5% Acidity: 6.2 g/L pH: 3.24</i>
PEAK DRINKING	<i>Enjoyable on release, or careful cellaring in the short to medium term will reward drinkers seeking increased complexity.</i>
FOOD MATCH	<i>Great with roast chicken with pancetta and thyme stuffing, or pork fillet with grilled nectarines.</i>

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

COLOUR	<i>Vibrant straw with fine green hues.</i>
NOSE	<i>The nose shows good intensity, with ripe stone fruit, peach and honeydew melon, with hints of grapefruit and fine French oak.</i>
PALATE	<i>Rich palate weight, complex, elegant stone fruit flavours, and well-integrated oak follow through to a balanced finish, enhanced with a fine acid line.</i>

Winemaker: John Ashwell