



# ESTATE

Chardonnay  
2023

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Brookland Valley is an exquisite estate with Wilyabrup Brook as the breathtaking backdrop. It treads along the Caves Road in the heart of the premium wine region of Margaret River, Western Australia. These charming vineyards were established in 1983 planted with Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon and several other varietals.

## 2021/22 VINTAGE

The Margaret River region experienced near average rainfall in the Winter of 2022. This was followed by what was the second wettest spring on record for WA as a whole with the south west specifically received 20% above the average rainfall figures. The wet Spring combined with below average temperatures to mean that the vines experienced a good period of dormancy and the growing season commenced with adequate ground water reserves. As we moved into Summer the conditions changed to warm and dry. The Margaret River region experienced one of the driest Summers on record combined with above average temperatures, however unusually no days above 40°C were recorded. Chardonnay in Margaret River had good cropping levels however due to the conditions ripened fairly quickly. With close attention from our winemakers and viticulturists the Chardonnay was harvested at peak ripeness with beautiful acid balance.

## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Chardonnay from the Margaret River region consistently produces Australia's greatest examples of this wine style. Brookland Valley has steadily gained a reputation as one of the region's leading Chardonnay producers. The minimalist intervention approach in crafting the Estate wine has delivered a true expression of site and vintage. Hand-picked fruit was whole bunch pressed to tank before immediate transfer to French oak barriques for fermentation. The fermentation was spontaneous and completed with indigenous yeasts which contribute texture and complexity to the wine. A subsequent spontaneous malolactic fermentation, routine battonage, and extended lees contact for nine months prior to blending and preparation for bottle, has provided a creamy texture and length to the wine

## TASTING NOTES

The 2023 Brookland Valley Estate Chardonnay has a pale straw colour with tinges of green. The bouquet is intense with bright stone fruit, grapefruit and ginger spice. This is complimented by subtle brioche, flint and nutty characteristics. The palate is medium bodied with a similar primary notes. Grapefruit, nectarine and nougat make wine for a textured wine with a fine acid line and a long length of flavour.

Pair this chardonnay with Asian spiced pork belly, grilled fish or honeyed haloumi skewers.

**WINEMAKER**  
Courtney Treacher

**ALCOHOL**  
13.01 %

**ACIDITY**  
5.4 g/litre

**GROWING AREA**  
Margaret River

**VINTAGE**  
2023

**GRAPE VARIETY**  
Chardonnay

**pH**  
3.23

