

2016 WHIMWOOD CHARDONNAY

LOCATION / WINE REGION:

Nannup, South West, Western Australia / Blackwood Valley

VARIETAL:

Chardonnay, Single Vineyard (100%)

AWARDS:

WINE SHOW

2019 WineWise Small Vigneron Awards
2019 WineWise Championships
2018 WineWise International Tasting Panel
2018 Western Australian Boutique Wine Show
2018 Western Australian Boutique Wine Show
2018 Blackwood Valley Wine Show
2018 Winewise Small Vigneron Awards
2018 WineWise Championships
2018 Timber Towns Wine Show
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2017 Western Australian Boutique Wine Show
2017 Western Australian Boutique Wine Show
2017 Blackwood Valley Wine Show
2018 Western Australian Boutique Wine Show
2018 Timber Towns Wine Show
2017 National Wine Show of Australia
2017 Royal Melbourne Wine Awards
2017 Perth Royal Wine Show
2017 Western Australian Boutique Wine Show
2017 Blackwood Valley Wine Show
2017 Wine Show of Western Australia

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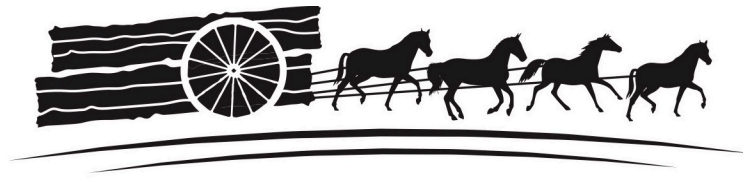
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TASTING NOTES:

Colour: Pale mid straw with green tinges
Nose: Vibrant expression of crisp pear, zesty citrus, spicy oak
Palate: Saturates the palate with citrus juiciness, hints of stone fruit and generous weight and a long finish
Style: A complex Chardonnay, well balanced and good structure

WINE ANALYSIS:

Alcohol: 12.5%
Harvest Date: 10 February 2016
Oak Maturation: 30% New and Seasoned French Oak, 11 months on Lees
Bottling Date: 30 January 2017
Wine Maker: Bernie Stanlake
Drink By: 2027



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TASTING REVIEWS:

97/100 - 2019 WineWise Championship

"If you haven't already purchased this chardonnay which has swept all before it, there's still time – believe it or not. It's rich, intense, complex and nutty, with a whiff of funkiness. The palate is a textural delight."

★★★★★ Outstanding 97-100 pts Gold medallion

2018 WineWise International Chardonnay Tasting – 23 OCT 2018

"Here's a ground-breaking wine in Winewise history. This year it won a Championship medallion, a Small Vigneron Awards trophy and was included in this International Tasting. If we had to name a wine of the year, this would be it. Complex and satisfying, it fills the mouth with flavour and texture, backed up by lively acidity."

2018 WineWise Small Vigneron Awards – 13 SEP 2018

"This wine has caused a sensation at Winewise. First it was awarded a Championship medallion. Then it was included in our International Chardonnay Tasting in which it fared very well. Then, to cap it all off, it reigned supreme in the Small Vigneron Awards judging the following day! It has everything – freshness, complexity, intensity, texture and balance. Surely it's one of the best-value chardonnays anywhere."

95/100 - Huon Hooke – 15 APR 2018

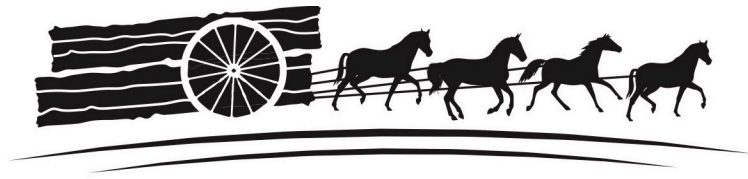
"Bright, medium to light yellow colour, with a fresh cream and lemon curd bouquet which is bright, fresh and clean. The palate is likewise fresh and zingy, with great intensity and a brilliant acid line. Gorgeous citrus flavours of lemon, lime and grapefruit. Terrific line and length, the palate drawing out beautifully on the aftertaste. A wholly impressive chardonnay. (The vineyard is at Nannup, beside the Blackwood River)."

97/100 - 2018 WineWise Championship

"2016 Whimwood Estate Nannup Blackwood Valley Chardonnay Bridgetown and Nannup may not be household names, but they're towns in a rapidly-emerging wine region, the Blackwood Valley of Western Australia. The Blackwood Valley lies about 280 km south of Perth and 100 km east of Margaret River. This wine is beautifully crafted, allowing the barrel ferment complexity to merge perfectly with the fresh varietal fruit. The palate is long and creamy."

★★★★★ Outstanding 97-100 pts Gold medallion

95/100 - James Halliday Wine Companion 2018 - *"Pressed straight to oak (30% new) and wild-fermented. This is good stuff: the wine has considerable power, the impact of the pink grapefruit flavour immediate, and not backing off as the wine reaches the end of the palate."*



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TASTING REVIEWS:

95/100 - Ray Jordan Wine Guide 2018 - *"An impressive follow-up to the trophy-winning 2015, and showing similar distinctive style based on quality Nannup fruit and clever winemaking. Really impressive minerally thread, with the use of about a third new French oak playing an important tightening role."*

Winemaker Bernie Stanlake - *"100% Nannup Chardonnay was pressed straight to French oak of which 30% was new for fermentation. The yeasts indigenous to the vineyard were allowed to weave their magic and 'voila', we have a wine of great character that would sit comfortably alongside some of the finest Burgundy can offer. Crisp fresh pear, zesty citrus, spicy oak assault the senses, all you need is to imagine you are in the dusty barrel halls of Meursault."*