



CHAPEL HILL



THE PARSON CHARDONNAY 2023

The Winery

Chapel Hill Winery was built on the site of the historic Seaview Chapel. The Chapel was built in 1865 and now serves as our tasting room. The first vines were planted at Chapel Hill in 1972 and the first vintage was in 1975.

“At Chapel Hill there exists a deep respect for our land and vines, this inspires our vision to handcraft wines with purity and balance. All of the grapes and wines are handled gently, in small batches to showcase the wonderful site and varietal characters of McLaren Vale.”

Winemakers: Michael Fragos and Bryn Richards

The Vintage

Steady rainfall throughout June and July filled the soil profile. August was drier than average and led into a warm start to September. Flowering began in early November but continued over an extended period due to the cooler than usual conditions followed by one of the driest December on record. Ideal ripening conditions prevailed throughout February and March – warm daytime and cool night-time temps, moderate relative humidity, minimal rain and no heat waves.

The warm dry conditions meant the grapes achieved physiological ripeness and were able to be harvested and taken into the winery at the optimal time. The resulting wines are vibrant, with bright fruit flavours and lovely natural acidity.

Viticulturist: Rachel Steer

The Wine

Our desire is to showcase Chardonnay's strengths of delicious mouthfeel and length with its unique ability to effortlessly incorporate winemaking complexity and still maintain fruit purity. One of the truly great grape varieties.

Wine Specifications

Variety:	100% Chardonnay
Appellation:	100% Adelaide
Harvest date:	15 th February to 16 th March 2023
Oak ageing:	7% natural fermentation in oak 3 months 4-6 year-old French Oak Hogsheads
pH:	3.33
Acidity:	5.7 g/L
Alcohol:	12.5% v/v
Bottling date:	June 2023
Closure:	Screw cap

Only the free run and gentle pressing juice fractions were utilised for this wine. No fining agents were used.

Suitable for vegetarians and vegans.