

# THE 12<sup>TH</sup> MAN

Our late founder Greg Trott, saw the game of cricket as the most noble of pursuits. As a youth, he even built his own concrete pitch at the family farm to emulate his heroes. Trott envisaged wearing the famous baggy green cap of the Australian team - if only to carry the drinks as 12<sup>th</sup> man. And if the drinks tray sported our Adelaide Hills chardonnay, Trott would have been warmly welcomed at any cricket fixture.



## Vintage

2022

## Region

Adelaide Hills

## Sub Region

Lenswood, Lobethal and Woodside.

## Grape Variety

Chardonnay (100%)

## Colour

Brilliant pale green.

## Bouquet

Lifted aromas of lime cordial, lemongrass and white nectarine contrast with hay and briny characters. Brioche and grilled nuts add another element.

## Palate

A rich blend of bright citrus and stone fruit characters combine with winemaking influences to produce a complex and textured palate. Natural fermentation in barrel and lees ageing contributes to savoury pie crust and creamy notes. Bright, chalky acidity leads to a flinty and salivating finish.

## Drink

Drink to 2030.

## Food Match

Scallops pan seared in lemon butter, or roasted artichokes with parmesan and garlic.

## Oak Maturation

Fermented and matured in Burgundian coopered French oak, the majority in 500L puncheons. 21% of barrels were first use. The main coopers were Mercurey and Sirugue.

## Vinification

Handpicked grapes were whole bunch pressed and the free run component of the juice filled to French oak for spontaneous/wild fermentation. A small juice portion completed fermentation and maturation in stainless steel to preserve additional primary fruit. All barrels were tasted weekly to monitor the increasing complexity and malolactic activity as lees stirring was introduced. Barrels were sulphured on lees at various stages through maturation to capture fruit brightness.

## Technical Details

pH 3.04

T.A. 8.3 g/L

RS Dry

ALC 12.5%

## Winemakers

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