



# Helen's Hill 2017 Winemakers Reserve Chardonnay



## ABOUT

In years when Mother Nature smiles upon the Yarra Valley, we are gifted with the perfect canvas for the artistry of winemaking. From these great years our winemakers select the best of the best; the finest fruit of these outstanding vintages, matured in the most hedonistic of French oak barrels. These are the criteria that each individual bottle must meet to be chosen for our prestigious 'Winemaker's Reserve' label.

## WINEMAKERS NOTES

The Helen's Hill 2017 'Winemakers Reserve' Chardonnay is a true expression of our passion for making outstanding cool climate wine. This wine is made in traditional ways. Handpicked and whole bunch pressed, the wine is barrel fermented and left on lees and solids for 11 months to mature in French oak. After 11 months is complete, only the best few barrels are selected and left to mature for a further 3 months. This wine strikes a perfect balance of fruit intensity, acidity and structure.

## 2017 VINTAGE REPORT

After a cold, uncharacteristically dry winter, Spring started in the same fashion. Consistent rainfall and mild temperatures prevailed through flowering and into November which led to lower than average crop levels in many varieties, Pinot Noir especially. After Christmas the script was flipped as we saw consistent mild to warm temperatures and moderate rainfall. This was an ideal ripening period for all varieties, most prominent of these being Pinot Noir and Chardonnay.

## TASTING NOTES

The culmination of a strict selection process, where wine quality is paramount. Intense, cool climate fruit characters of stone fruit and citrus come to the fore. French Oak plays a pivotal role but does not dominate. The finish is long and rich. The complexity, length and outstanding structure of this wine will allow for cellaring for years to come

Colour	Burnished Gold
Aroma	Lemon peel, butterscotch, French oak.
Palate	Stone fruits, oak, buttery rich finish.



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