

Chardonnay

Thirteen may be unlucky for some, but this 13-wine line-up of chardonnays presents some excellent opportunities for drinking enjoyment. We've stated many times that chardonnay is the most exciting sector of the Australian wine market and see no reason to change that view.



2017 Oakridge Vineyard Series Henk Yarra Valley Chardonnay

The nose is nicely funky, with white nectarine and almond meal aromas showing through. The impressive palate is vibrant, long and textural.

(\$30.00) ★★★★★☆

<https://www.winestar.com.au/oakridge-local-vineyard-series-henk-chardonnay-2017>

2016 Voyager Estate Margaret River Chardonnay

A deliciously nutty, intense chardonnay with a creamy, beautifully structured palate.

Very classy. (\$44.90) ★★★★★☆

<https://www.auscellardoor.com.au/voyager-chardonnay.html>

2016 Bream Creek Vineyard Chardonnay

A complex chardonnay with hints of honey and toasted nuts. The palate is rich, creamy and long, with balanced oak and lively acidity. (\$30.00) ★★★★★☆

<https://www.winestar.com.au/bream-creek-tasmania-chardonnay-2016>

2016 Shy Susan Tasmanian Chardonnay This chardonnay comes from Alpine Valleys (Vic.)-based Billy Button Wines. The vibrant white nectarine aroma and flavour are backed up by a creamy texture and typically Tasmanian acidity. (\$55.00) ★★★★★

<http://www.billybuttonwines.com.au/product/2016-Shy-Susan-Chardonnay?pageID=750B8958-A384-06EF-6F92-C73DEBD1D379&sortBy=DisplayOrder&maxRows=10&>

2016 Tyrrell's Belford Hunter Valley Chardonnay The nose is impressive and fresh, combining strong varietal character with barrel ferment inputs. The classy palate offers length, balance, grip and texture. (\$50.00) ★★★★★

<https://www.tyrrells.com.au/product/belford-single-vineyard-chardonnay/>

2017 Mayford Chardonnay White peach aroma with faint hints of tropical fruit, and attractive barrel ferment influence. The palate is creamy, with good weight and acidity. (\$38.00) ★★★★★

2016 Tarrawarra South Block Yarra Valley Chardonnay Delicately peachy with a hint of funk and subtle oak. Creamy and bright. (\$35.00) ★★★★★

2016 Stockman's Ridge Wines Outlaw Chardonnay The aroma shows more apple than stone fruit, and that carries through to a nutty, textural palate with lively acidity. A well made chardonnay from Central Ranges, NSW. (\$40.00) ★★★★★

2016 Sidewood Estate Adelaide Hills Mappinga Chardonnay Freshness and intensity of varietal character are the strong points of this stylish chardonnay. The palate has a pleasantly creamy texture. (\$35.00) ★★★★★

2017 Zonte's Footstep Dusk Til Dawn Adelaide Hills Chardonnay Very fresh, with hints of green apple and lees nuttiness. Lively acid lifts the palate and there's some textural interest. (\$25.00) ★★★★★

2017 Lyndale Adelaide Hills Chardonnay Youthful and fresh, with a herbal note. Quite creamy, but the acid cuts in on the finish. Should fill out nicely over the next 2-3 years. (\$50.00) ★★★★★

2017 Oakridge Vineyard Series Hazeldene Vineyard Chardonnay White stone fruit aroma with a hint of Granny Smith apple and lees complexity. Tight and lean, with an acid finish, but has length. (\$42.00) ★★★★★

2017 Gartelmann Lisa Orange Region Chardonnay Nose of peach and vanilla. Reasonable initial flavour but trails off a little and shows its acid at the moment. Should build in bottle. (\$40.00) ★★★★★

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