

# Tapanappa Chardonnay

Over the past few years we've commented on the heights reached by Australian chardonnay, the finest examples of which are spread over five states and even more regions. The Adelaide Hills is definitely one of those regions, and three wines from Tapanappa strongly reinforce that view.

**2023 Tapanappa Piccadilly Valley Chardonnay** This wine offers aromas and flavours that strongly reflect white nectarine. Lees contact imparts an attractive nuttiness, and acidity drives the palate at this early stage. (\$60.00) ★★★★★



**2023 Tapanappa Tiers Vineyard 1.5m Piccadilly Valley Chardonnay** The nose reflects a cool site and vintage, offering suggestions of grapefruit, fig and white nectarine supported by lees complexity and a whiff of oak toastiness. The long, creamy, acid-fresh palate is a delight. (\$90.00) ★★★★★

**2023 Tapanappa Tiers Vineyard Piccadilly Valley Chardonnay** Naturally, there is a close relationship between this wine and the preceding one. The 1.5m comes from younger vines, but both were made from hand-picked grapes that were chilled to 2°C, and air-bag pressed before fermentation in French barriques, one third of which were new. The pair underwent lees contact until racking and bottling in November, 2023.

There's a little more white nectarine here, with toasted nuttiness and vanilla that border on nougat. The textural grip is slightly more pronounced. A wonderful wine. (\$110.00) ★★★★★

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