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Chardonnay

Here are some chardonnays from all over Australia. The Adelaide Hills, Yarra Valley and Margaret River are all well established chardonnay sources and the excellence of the wines comes as no surprise. Orange is a region very much on the rise, but it's the Hunter Valley that seems to take a back seat to the cooler regions publicity-wise, but usually manages to impress.

2024 Tapanappa Tiers Vineyard Piccadilly Chardonnay Here we have, unquestionably, a world-class chardonnay. It combines power with finesse, delivering white nectarine aroma and flavour, together with toasted cashew lees/oak characteristics. Textural grip contributes structure, and the acidity is beautifully integrated. ($110.00) ★★★★★
https://tapanappa.com.au/

2024 Tapanappa Tiers Vineyard Piccadilly 1.5M Chardonnay The nose is discreetly complex, and doesn't play that funky music loudly, allowing the intense white stone fruit aromas to take centre stage. The persistent palate has just-right textural grip. Stylish and complete. ($90.00)

2022 Santolin Gladysdale Yarra Valley Chardonnay A rich peachy style with hints of lemon rind and toasted nuts. The long creamy palate is perfectly structured and balanced, reflecting astute use of French oak. (Not yet released) ★★★★★
https://santolinwines.com.au/

2021 Ross Hill Eastern View Orange Chardonnay White peach characteristics show clearly, together with cool climate citrus overtones and hints of oyster shell. The palate is long, elegant and precise. ($95.00) ★★★★☆
https://www.rosshillwines.com.au/product/eastern-view-chardonnay/

2024 Tapanappa Piccadilly Valley Chardonnay The grapefruit/white nectarine nose carries a hint of white flowers and a whiff of toast. The long, elegant, creamy palate provides considerable drinking pleasure. ($60.00) ★★★★☆

2023 Winmark Wines Single Vineyard Reserve Hunter Valley Chardonnay A rich chardonnay showing fresh peach and citrus aromas, with attractive barrel ferment complexity. The palate is satisfying and well balanced. (Not yet released) ★★★★☆
https://winmarkwines.com.au/

2023 Hamelin Bay Wines Reserve Margaret River Chardonnay A beautifully structured chardonnay that is both intense and restrained. Nougat and toast overtones add to the appeal. It's firmly in the grapefruit-white peach zone and begs for some cellaring. ($59.00) ★★★★☆
https://hbwines.com.au/product/2023-reserve-chardonnay

2023 Winmark Wines Icon 7 2 Hunter Valley Chardonnay There was no holding back here. The intense stone fruit aroma and flavour carry notes of toffee, toast and lees-derived sulphides. All the components come together in a very attractive package. (Not yet released) ★★★★☆

2023 Boydell's Reserve Hunter Valley Chardonnay This classy chardonnay also comes from the Winmark Vineyard. It's the essence of restraint – especially for a Hunter Valley chardonnay – showing grapefruit characteristics supported by attractive nutty overtones. The palate is long and satisfying, with perfectly integrated oak. ($47.00) ★★★★☆
https://boydells.com.au/product/2023-reserve-hunter-chardonnay

2023 Borrello Vineyards Margaret River Chardonnay The citrus aromas, with a touch of lemon curd, have considerable appeal, and a complex nuttiness complements the fruit. The creamy textural palate delivers everything the nose promises. ($28.00) ★★★★☆
https://borrellovineyards.com.au/

2023 Briar Ridge Briar Hill Single Vineyard Chardonnay The citrus blossom aromatics are augmented by well managed oak and funky complexity. Balanced textural grip is a very positive feature of a long, satisfying palate. ($50.00) ★★★★☆
https://www.briarridge.com.au/Wines/Shop/Type/White

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