

Chardonnays **simply - hopefully - “more full-bodied flavours”**

Wolf Blass Yellow Label

2017

Origin blended SA Alcohol 13.0%

Wolfgang Blass established his winery in 1966, crafting wines which epitomise quality, character and consistency – our philosophy our winemakers continue today
From selected vineyards in South Australia, the heartland of Wolf Blass

“Full flavoured. Classic aromas of peach, melon and stone fruits follow through to a palate with a soft, creamy texture and subtle integrated oak

Narkoojee Lily Grace

2018

Gippsland Alcohol 13.5%

The fruit is from selected estate plantings, and is named after Harry and Val Friend's first grandchild, Lily Grace Friend.

The excellent 2018 vintage at Narkoojee has produced fruit of exceptional quality which was fermented using wild yeasts, indigenous to our vineyard.

The wine has been matured in older French oak barriques, with a small portion new, to introduce a note of subtle complexity to the varietal fruit.

This is a beautifully balanced wine with a lovely creamy texture, natural mineral acidity and is an ideal accompaniment to seafood. It will develop further in the bottle over the next five years

Hill-Smith Estate Eden Valley “wild ferment”

2018

Eden Valley Alcohol 13.5%

Over five generations, the Smith family have been pioneers in selecting exceptional Vineyard sites to amplify the personality of the estate wines

A favourite region has been the rugged undulating high country of Eden Valley, where the cool gully breezes optimise Chardonnay.

creamy citrus and melon flavours with tangy acidity

Carefully crafted, this vibrant and textured chardonnay is the result of a natural wild yeast ferment, and maturation for six months in fine-grained French oak barriques

Chapman Grove Margaret River Reserve

2016

Margaret River Alcohol 13.2%

.. south of Margaret River township, nestled amidst the rolling hills of Jarrah and Marri forests - lies the vineyards of Chapman Grove

The rich tapestry of the vineyard's terroir – north-south facing slopes on gravelly loam, treeton soils – is captured perfectly in this vintage – expressing ..

.. varietal depth, beautiful aromatics and elegant textures

Montes Classic Series**2016**

Chile Central Valley Alcohol 13.5%

This wine is made with grapes from two parts of the valley –
Curicco – the cold breeze from the foothills of the Andes Mountains
Colchagua - near the Pacific Ocean – the cold mornings allow the grapes to ripen slowly
... making this wine fresh with lovely fruit character

Part of this wine has been aged in new and used oak barrels for six months

Pale gold in colour with shades of green, its aroma blends butter, hence of vanilla and tropical fruits. Fresh and fruity, with good body and balance and a creamy complexity in mid palate, with an elegant and persistent finish

West Cape Howe “Old School” Mount Barker**2017**

WA's Great Southern Alcohol 13.5%

“We consciously let this fruit get a little riper ..

Fermented entirely in French oak, it's gone through malolactic fermentation

Malolactic fermentation (MLF) is a *secondary* fermentation with bacteria, carried out in “most reds, and some whites and sparkling wines”

James Halliday's comments inc **“one word you would not use to describe this is finesse”**

Hollick Coonawarra Bond Road**2019**

Coonawarra Alcohol 14.2%

The long cool growing season of the Hollick Estate vineyard adjacent to Bond Road produces this classic and elegant Chardonnay

Fermentation in 100% French oak creates

.. a delicate creamy texture and complexity across the palate.

Crunchy white stone fruit and citrus characters combined with crisp natural acidity to provide length and balance

Fat Bastard “Remarkably Full Bodied“**2015**

California Alcohol 14.0%

Fat Bastard Chardonnay hails from Monterey on the Central Coast of California where the ample sunshine is tempered by the Pacific Ocean

full with the fleshy depth, enriched by a pleasant amount of sweet oak and a rich buttery texture

My note – no information on the techniques used to produce the more full bodied flavour