

# Hanwood Estate

## 2013 Chardonnay

**Vineyard Region:** New South Wales, Australia

**Vintage Conditions:** Warm conditions were present for the majority of the growing season meaning fruit reached maturity two weeks earlier than average. Although warm, the season was mostly dry with some minimal rain events occurring in late March. This resulted in no disease issues present allowing ideal picking conditions and pristine fruit being delivered to the winery at its optimum level of maturity and maximum flavour.

**Colour:** Pale to mid straw

**Aroma:** The dominant varietal nose with intense peach, nectarine and rock melon gives a very positive first impression. These characters are complemented with tropical notes of guava and rock melon. Combined with subtle light biscuit and nutty aromas coming through from the maturation in French oak, with a soft vanillin creamy texture.

**Palate:** Sweet intense peach and citrus flavours are prevalent on this rich palate along with hints of rockmelon. Showing lovely texture, the palate is balanced with some clean citrus acidity, providing good length and structure. Light hints of French oak provides tightness and length, with some creamy mouth feel provide a finish that is long and fresh, with a balanced, clean end.

**Vinification & Maturation:** Selected fruit parcels were harvested in the cool at night at optimum maturity levels to maintain freshness and flavour. The Chardonnay juice was pressed and clarified immediately after crushing and inoculated with selected yeasts. The wine was then fermented to dryness and then stirred on yeast lees for a period of 3 months to build texture and creaminess. A portion of this wine was also fermented on premium French oak staves and allowed to complete full malo lactic fermentation, this portion was then back blended in to the wine to add complexity and subtle oak influence. The wine then received a light fine before being clarified and stored cold to maintain freshness.

**Alcohol:** 13.5%

**Peak Drinking:** Enjoy now until 2015.

