Smalltown Vineyards The Next Big Thing Chardonnay, Barossa Valley 2022

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Smalltown Vineyards

— South Australia, Australia

Prior to the production of this wine, it was with some delight that we learned demand for good Aussie Chardonnay was on the rise again... hopefully the start of something massive. The label reflects word-of-mouth with a bunch of hipster types sharing the news of the next big thing, a real vineyard find, proper stuff with bags of varietal appeal but lovely texture too. Aussie chardonnay has made a comeback... and this is a cracking wine to start the revolution!

Production

Grapes are hand harvested from an old block on the Binder family Barossa vineyards. Small batches of Chardonnay are picked and pressed through a tank press with some skin contact. 25% is fermented in French puncheons and American hogsheads for 6 months, aged on lees then blended with the 75% unoaked juice, settled and bottled. Into the main Barossa blend a small component of Eden Valley Chardonnay is blended and the whole sees a tiny bit of secondary use oak for some fine structure.

Tasting note

With the faintest whiff of biscuity oak this bright, tangy Barossa Chardonnay is an absolute delight. It has that classical Barossa charm, elegance, poise, tang and naggingly more-ish elusive something-or-other which makes one wonder why there isn't more Australian Chardonnay.

Food Match

Anything with chicken, pork, prawns, seafood... Brilliant as a quaffer or perfect with a lovingly cooked meal.

ABV:
13.50%

Case/Bottle Size:
6x 75cl

Closure:
Please Select

Appellation:
Barossa Valley

Grape Varieties:
Chardonnay 100%

Suitable for:
Vegan

Bottle Barcode:
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