The story of the wine ...

2022 SV 'The Bartl' Chardonnay

The Story: Anyone with a small vineyard and winery will know that they could not get by without the help of friends. In the beginning there are always many friends keen to help out, plant vines, pick grapes, clean tanks, all they want in return is a meal and a glass of wine. As time goes by, the hard work becomes boring and they literally have 'done it all before'. Mostly now when a job needs doing we have our staff or bring in teams to do the work. We have two exceptions to this, one is the tall Teutonic Stefan Bartl who has tended our Chardonnay vine meticulously from their infancy. This wine is the sixth vintage of Chardonnay grown 100% at Lethbridge. Thanks Stef!

The Wine: Sourced from the old block of Chardonnay at Lethbridge, grown on the sandier loamy soils closer to Bruce Creek. Typical of our Chardonnay, this is low yielding, hand picked and whole bunch pressed. We then allow it to ferment with wild yeast in new French oak barrels. Aging is in 50% new French oak with 100% wild malolactic conversion.

Pear drop, barley, cooked apple and grapefruit with notes of chalk and apple pips. Medium bodied with firm minerality, finishing harmonious and long.

Vintage:	2020
Vineyards:	Springbank
Region:	Geelong: Moorabool Valley
Aging Potential:	10+ years
Bottles produced:	600
Alcohol:	12.4%
Cellar Door Price:	$75