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The story of the wine ...

2023 Estate Chardonnay



The Story: The long debate over Chardonnay styles in the Australian wine industry has swung between lean, citrus-driven profiles and those that are rich, creamy, and full-bodied. Recent trends suggest a return to a balanced middle ground. This return to balance in Chardonnay aligns with broader global trends in the wine industry. Consumers increasingly seek wines that are versatile, food-friendly, and expressive of their origins. Australian winemakers are responding to these preferences by crafting Chardonnays that offer complexity and depth without veering to extremes. The 2023 Lethbridge Chardonnay is just that. A wine that speaks of harmony not extremes.

The Wine: 2023 was a mild year with a cool vintage, perfect for Chardonnay. From vineyards in Geelong and surrounds, the grapes for this wine were whole bunch pressed and barrel fermented with wild yeast. The wine was allowed to go through malolactic fermentation and then aged for 11 months on lees in 50% new French oak. A vibrant wine where a riot of orchard aromatics are the prelude for a floral palate of fig and white nectarine overlaying a delicate creaminess, beautiful drinking.

Vintage:	2023
Vineyards:	Hat Rock, Lethbridge, Suma Park, Doeven
Variety:	100% Chardonnay
Aging Potential:	10+ years
Alcohol:	13.0%
Cellar Door Price:	\$60