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HUNTER VALLEY

WINEMAKER'S RESERVE

2021 CHARDONNAY | HUNTER VALLEY

"We welcomed the rain and were delighted to reunite with our Wellies! We rolled up our sleeves and got amongst it to nurture our vines. My hero this vintage has to be our Chardonnay." – LIZ SILKMAN



ABOUT ...

Our Winemaker's Reserve range epitomises the sum of our experiences. Freedom of expression, attention to detail and creativity produce wines of balance, depth, complexity and structure.

Only in exceptional vintages, in tiny quantities, carefully selected barrels, showcase the traditional art of the blend, in our modern Hunter Valley style.

VINTAGE & VINEYARD

Rain featured during February, making us extra vigilant in the vineyards. Cooler than usual conditions delayed harvest, blessing our Chardonnay with intense flavours and a balanced acid profile.

From a pedigree of award-winning vineyards in a stellar vintage.

WINEMAKING

Free-run juice is racked straight to new and old French oak puncheons and hogsheads for barrel fermentation. Lees maturation takes place for 8 months before skillful blending.

TASTING NOTE

The 2021 vintage gave us several excellent barrels from which to blend this modern Australian Chardonnay.

Seamless oak integration sits harmoniously with stone fruit and citrus complexity. The lean, silky texture and delicate minerality twist together before a zesty, and persistent, lemon finish.

DRINK IT

Delicious now or be rewarded up to 2031.

DRINK IT WITH

Smoked cod fritters with dill sauce or truffled Parmesan gnocchi.

ALCOHOL

11%

ABOUT LIZ SILKMAN

Hunter Valley Legends '***Winemaker of the Year***' 2022, 2016, 2011
Top Place James Halliday '***Chardonnay Challenge***' 2015
Finalist Gourmet Traveller WINE '***Winemaker of the Year***' 2011
NSW Wine Awards '***Wine of the Year***' 2010
Finalist Wine Society '***Young Winemaker of the Year***' 2007
The Len Evans Tutorial '***DUX***' 2006

Winemaker's Reserve – Where old world tradition and new world modernity unite to curate our ultimate modern Australian expressions.

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5 STAR WINERY
2011-2022