SOUTHERN LIGHT VINEYARDS
2021 GHOSTGUM CHARDONNAY

VINTAGE

2021 AT GHOSTGUM VINEYARD GAVE US A WET WINTER FOLLOWED BY A MILD SPRING WITH INTERMITTENT RAIN. THESE CONDITIONS LED TO VERY VIGOROUS CANOPY GROWTH, AND IT TOOK PLENTY OF WORK IN THE VINEYARD TO KEEP THE VINES UNDER CONTROL.

TEMPERATE SUMMER WEATHER, AGAIN WITH INTERMITTENT RAIN, LED TO A LONG GROWING SEASON GIVING THE GRAPES PLENTY OF TIME TO DEVELOP FLAVOUR. HARVEST TOOK PLACE FROM EARLY TO MID-APRIL.

2021 WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A CLASSIC VINTAGE IN THE MORNINGTON PENINSULA. LIFTED AROMATICS, FRESH ACID AND PLENTY OF FRUIT WEIGHT ARE THE HALLMARKS.

WINEMAKING

SINGLE SITE WINE FROM MAIN RIDGE, CLONE I10V1 CHARDONNAY PLANTED BETWEEN 1990-1995. HANDPICKED ON 31ST MARCH AND WHOLE BUNCH PRESSED TO FRENCH OAK – 20% NEW - FOR INDIGENOUS FERMENT. AGED ON FULL LEES FOR 11 MONTHS BEFORE BLENDING AND BOTTLING IN MAY 2022.

TASTING NOTE

GHOSTGUM CHARDONNAY IS HIGHLY PERFUMED WITH NOTES OF FRESHLY SQUEEZED LIME, LEMON PITH, AND FLESHY STONE FRUITS. SUBTLE NOTES OF CINNAMON AND VANILLA ARE SUGGESTIVE OF WELL-CONSIDERED OAK MATURATION. THE AROMAS CARRY THROUGH TO THE PALATE, WHICH ALSO SHOWS SOME FRESH SOURDOUGH BREAD CHARACTERS ADDING FURTHER TO THIS WINE'S COMPLEXITY. IT FINISHES WITH A SALINE MINERALITY AND RACY, VIBRANT ACIDITY. THIS IS A CHARDONNAY WITH ENERGY, STRUCTURE, AND POWER. IT WILL BENEFIT FURTHER WITH SOME TIME IN BOTTLE.

REVIEWS

96 POINTS | NED GOODWIN MW | JAMES SUCKLING
"I CAN'T STOP TASTING OR DRINKING THIS. THE AURA OF AN EXCEPTIONAL SITE AND A DEFT HAND IN THE CELLAR"

95 POINTS | ANGUS HUGHSON | VINOUS
"THE SUPER STYLISH 2021 CHARDONNAY GHOSTGUM VINEYARD OFFERS A DELICIOUS MIX OF POWER AND COMPLEXITY"

93 POINTS | KASIA SOBIESIAK | THE WINE FRONT
"A HIT OF LIVELY AROMAS, ORANGE PEEL, TARRAGON, CUMIN, MELON SKIN,AND PEACH"

ALC. %: 13% / APPX. 7.7 STANDARD DRINKS

