



silent way

Silent Way 2018 Chardonnay

Winemaker: Matt Harrop

Grape(s): Chardonnay

GI: Macedon Ranges

Site(s): Estate vineyard

Vintage notes: A wet January required some vigilance in disease control, but February onward was dry and warm, without any heat spikes or sunburn risk.

Vineyard notes: The Silent Way vineyard is a 1.2 hectare plot of land 550 meters above sea level in the Macedon Ranges GI, owned by Matt Harrop and Tamara Grischy since 2007. Degraded basalt and granite, westerly facing. Yields of about a ton/hectare. 2.5 x 1.4m planting to a variety of different clones. Farmed sustainably with non-organic materials rarely used.

Winemaking: Chardonnay grapes were hand-picked and whole bunch pressed straight into barrel. One barrel went through natural malolactic fermentation. Three barrels total were produced, a new barrique and two second-use hogsheads. Unfined and unfiltered.

Closure: Stelvin

ABV: 13.7%

LEGEND tasting notes: A fully realized and balanced chardonnay, with notes of reduction, lees, and oak present but playing backup to the fruit and site expression. Flavors of toasted wattleseed, lemon aspen, yellow pear, and crushed rock. The palate presents compelling tension of fruit weight, acid, and lees texture. Long, persistent, balanced, and complex.

Label design: The artwork was originally created by friend Daniel Wallace for Matt and Tamara's wedding in 1997. Local artist and friend Mel Nightingale developed Dan's original drawings into the current labels. Earthworms, birds, snakes, friendship and love are the symbols for Silent Way.

Production size: 70 dozen

Points: 95 Points (Suckling)

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