



## Patrick Sullivan 2019 Ada River Chardonnay

**Winemaker:** Patrick Sullivan

**Grape(s):** Chardonnay

**GI:** Gippsland

**Site(s):** Ada River Vineyard, Baw Baw Shire

**Vintage notes:** Vintage was wet early in the growing season which made things tricky prior to fruit set. January was warm and the season was very even and dry. The resulting wines are rich and forward with power.

**Vineyard notes:** Ada River vineyard is farmed biodynamically, in the process of certification. Vines planted in 1986, all are cane pruned, no tillage. Completely dry-grown on volcanic soils. Ada River is a flat vineyard at 300m elevation, completely enclosed by trees—a natural clos. Light is steady and conditions are mild.

**Winemaking:** Rigorous sorting of grapes follows harvest. Grapes are whole-cluster pressed to French barriques, 30% new, where they age for 12 months. Fermentation takes place over 10 days with full malolactic taking place immediately post primary fermentation, with weekly battonage as fermentation concludes.

**Closure:** DIAM 5 Origine

**ABV:** 13%

**LEGEND tasting notes:** A nuanced and subtle chardonnay that presents place more than any particular winemaking slant. The nose is an understated mélange of toasted wattleseed, yellow peach, finger lime, and lemon aspen (a spongy and floral native citrus). Delicate and intricately-knit palate, persistent and balanced acid, with pleasantly plump fruit weight. Long lines and a hint of toasty and smoky oak, this is the most classically-styled of Patrick's single vineyards.

**Label design:** Label art by Helsinki-based illustrator Eero Lampinan. According to Patrick, "the scope was a garden of eden on volcanics. Symbols of the green place in which we live and the rich volcanic soils. I'm not religious but like the story."

**Production size:** 150 dozen



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