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BIRD ON A WIRE

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Bird on a Wire **2018 Chardonnay**

Winemaker: Caroline Mooney

Grape(s): Chardonnay

GI: Yarra Valley

Site(s): Willowlake A1 Block, Upper Yarra

Vintage notes: Initial humidity required diligence in the vineyard early on but once in February and March the season settled. A beautiful vintage particularly for chardonnay, shiraz and Upper Yarra pinot noir although the consistency of the season brought excellent results across many varieties when combined with exceptional sites.

Vineyard notes: The Willowlake Vineyard A1 block in the Upper Yarra has been the home of Bird On A Wire Chardonnay since 2009. 41-year-old block. Soils are grey/brown clay loam with mudstone throughout. North to south rows with a northerly aspect. Considered one of the great chardonnay vineyards of the Yarra Valley, made by A.Rodda and Oakridge in addition to BOAW.

Winemaking: Hand-picked and whole bunch pressed to tank. Cold settled in tank for 48 hours. The beneficial solids were racked and incorporated into the juice clears. This mix of juice and solids was then put to oak and allowed to go through wild fermentation which took about 10-17 days. A further 20% malolactic fermentation took place to provide balance, complexity and depth. 25% new French oak, 10% one-year-old French oak, 5% two to three years old French oak and 60% of French Oak was older than three years of age.

Closure: Stelvin **ABV:** 13%

LEGEND tasting notes: A chardonnay that speaks of place, balancing clean lines, impeccable tension between texture and acidity, and depth of flavor. Aromas and flavors of lemon myrtle, golden apple, cheese rind, white chocolate, and toasted almonds.

Production Size: 300 dozen