



Patrick Sullivan 2021 Ada River Chardonnay

Winemaker: Patrick Sullivan

Grape(s): Chardonnay

GI: Gippsland

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

Vintage notes: An exemplary and classic vintage in Gippsland: cool and moderately wet conditions (at the right times) led to wines of impressive concentration as well as vibrant acidity.

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: Fruit was hand-harvested into 15kg baskets. Rigorous sorting of grapes follows harvest. Grapes were whole-cluster pressed to French barriques, 30% new, where they age for 12 months. Fermentation takes place over 3 weeks with full malolactic taking place immediately post primary fermentation. Lees stirring occurred twice towards the end of primary fermentation, then once more at the completion of malolactic fermentation. Only add is a small amount of sulphur.

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."

Production size: 120 dozen



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