



Patrick Sullivan 2021 Bullswamp Chardonnay

Winemaker: Patrick Sullivan

Grape(s): Chardonnay

GI: Gippsland

Site(s): Bullswamp 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: Bull Swamp vineyard is farmed biodynamically, in the process of certification. Vines were planted in 1982 by the Farrington family on the very edge of the Warragul township. All vines are cane pruned, no tillage. The Bullswamp Chardonnay comes from the oldest plantings of the P58 clone. Completely dry-grown on volcanic soils. The warmest single vineyard site of Patrick's, with the least airflow, sitting at 100m above sea level with steep northern exposure.

Winemaking: Fruit was hand-harvested into 15kg baskets. Rigorous sorting of grapes. Grapes were whole-cluster pressed to French barriques, 30% new, where they age for 12 months. Fermentation takes place over 3 weeks. Lees stirring occurred twice towards the end of primary fermentation, then once at the completion of full 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. Aromatics of pickled wattleseed, yellow pear, melon, finger lime, crushed rock, and lemon aspen (a spongy and floral native citrus). Delicate and intricately-knit palate, persistent and balanced acid, with pleasantly plump fruit weight. A bit warmer and more ample than Patrick's other single vineyards, according to him: "more of a party vibe."

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: 150 dozen



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