

# PATRICK SULLIVAN

## ada river chardonnay 2022



**LEGEND**  
AUSTRALIAN WINE IMPORTS

**Winemaker:** Patrick Sullivan

**Grape(s):** Chardonnay

**GI:** Gippsland

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

**Vintage notes:** One of the coolest and wettest vintages on record in Western Gippsland, but with rigorous farming and sorting, created wines of balance, restraint, and bright acidity.

**Vineyard notes:** Ada River vineyard is farmed following biodynamic principals, tailored to this specific site and the Gippsland climate. 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.

**Winemaking:** Rigorous sorting of grapes follows a hand-harvest. Grapes are whole-cluster pressed to barrique (30% new). Wild fermentation takes place over 3 weeks with full malolactic 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:** 13.5%

**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:** 200 dozen