

# NGERINGA

## chardonnay 2023



**LEGEND**  
AUSTRALIAN WINE IMPORTS

**Winemaker:** Erinn Klein

**Grape(s):** Chardonnay

**GI:** Adelaide Hills, South Australia

**Site(s):** Ngeringa Summit vineyard, Ngeringa Rufus vineyard and Turnbull Family vineyard

**Vintage notes:** The growing season leading into the vintage of 2023 was by all accounts the wettest and cooler in at least a decade. Ngeringa managed to just stay on top of disease pressure during the spring of 2022 and benefited the rewards with near zero pressure close to harvest. A long, slow, much later than normal harvest meant amazing flavor development, great acid retention in the grape across all varieties.

**Vineyard notes:** Ngeringa's three vineyard sites are all near the base of the Mount Barker Summit, totaling 5 hectares. They are part of a biodiverse 75 hectare biodynamic farm on the south-eastern edge of the Adelaide Hills. Mount Barker Summit defines these sites ranging from 330 to 420 meters of elevation all on easterly and westerly aspects. The soils are loam over clay, ironstone and micaceous schist. The whole farm is certified biodynamic and no chemical sprays, fertilizers or insecticides are used.

**Winemaking:** The chardonnay grapes are gently hand harvested, then whole bunch pressed, with minimal settling into new and old French oak barriques (228L) and puncheons (500L) of which thirty percent are new barrels. Fermentation begins spontaneously with wild yeast from the vineyards and winery. Malolactic fermentation occurs naturally. The wine matures on full lees for nine months with no battonage. A small dose of sulphur is added at blending just prior to bottling. No enzymes, no fining.

**Closure:** Stelvin **ABV:** 13%

**LEGEND tasting notes:** Aromas of golden apple, crunchy quince and Kakadu plum (a salty green native plum) with hints of lemon oil, Atherton almond and subtle toast and spice from the oak barrels. The palate has a chewy texture with fresh saline sea-air minerality.

**Label Design:** Ngeringa bases all its branding and imagery on its relationship to the land: the logo makes the shape of Mount Barker summit and their icon is a circle representing the full moon, making reference to the BD practice and working with the rhythms of nature, with the she-oak inside of it.

**Production size:** 300 dozen **Scores:** 91 Points (Wine Advocate)