

# GIACONDA

## chardonnay 2021



# LEGEND

AUSTRALIAN WINE IMPORTS

**Winemaker:** Rick and Nathan Kinzbrunner

**Grape(s):** Chardonnay

**GI:** Beechworth

**Site(s):** Estate vineyard

**Vintage notes:** 2021 marked a relatively mild vintage for Beechworth, resulting in exceptional quality but low yields. Some early freezes took yields down, but a mild and long summer ensured top quality.

**Vineyard notes:** The estate chardonnay vineyard was planted in 1980. The site is 400m in elevation, granitic loam over decomposed clay and gravel. The chardonnay plot is south-facing, sheltered from the direct impact of the sun's rays, resulting in a slower ripening period, greater flavor complexity and natural acidity levels. Giaconda has been practicing organic, biodynamic, and regenerative viticulture since the early 1990s; certified since 2021.

**Winemaking:** The winemaking process for all Giaconda wines are "hand-crafted according to basically a natural wine making process". To them, this means that indigenous yeasts are employed for fermentation, natural bacteria for malolactic fermentation, French oak barrel aging, minimal sulphur additions, and no filtration before bottling. The winery, barrel maturation cave, and bottling facility are all set up for gravity flow. For the Estate Chardonnay, the fruit is hand-picked, lightly crushed and then basket pressed before being transferred to French oak barrels (approximately 30% new) for fermentation and aging. The wine is aged for almost two years, deep underground in their granite maturation cave, with a stable cool temperature and naturally high humidity all year round.

**Closure:** Stelvin **ABV:** 13.5%

**Winery tasting notes:** An intensely focused bouquet of jasmine flower, white nectarines and grapefruit, galangal and a waft of peaty, toasty oak making its presence in a discrete manner. As it opens, flint and matchstick add another layer. White fruits power the palate, while spice notes compliment the minerality on the finish. Rapier sharp in its attack and precision; piercing long, clean and steely. The depth of palate and textural roundness is considerable.

**Production size:** 1000 dozen

**Scores:** 100 Points (Wine Advocate)