

# GIANT STEPS

VIGNERONS

YARRA VALLEY AUSTRALIA



## 2013 GIANT STEPS TARRAFORD VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

**WINEMAKER :** Phil Sexton & Steve Flamstead  
**REGION :** Tarrawarra - Yarra Valley, Victoria  
**VARIETALS :** Chardonnay (Clone: P58)  
**MATURATION :** 9 months in 100% French oak (20% new)  
**ANALYSIS :** 13.0% alc/vol | 6.3 g/L TA | 3.2 pH

### VINEYARD :

Located on twenty-one acres in a protected valley, and established in 1988, Tarraford Vineyard has a discrete microclimate which is cooler than neighboring sites. Its diverse aspects (north, south and east facing slopes) and rocky clay loam soils provides multifaceted winemaking opportunities. Giant Steps is committed to exploring biodynamic farming practices with the overall aim personality of the site.

### WINEMAKING :

The fruit was hand picked and bunch pressed to tank. Juice transferred to barrel after eight hours settling. 100% indigenous fermentation, in barrel at 65 - 75°F. Time in oak - 9 months. Lees stirred twice only, between May and August. No malolactic fermentation. Transferred to tank in January for a light chill and coarse filtration before bottling.

### TASTING NOTES :

Aromas of orange blossom, pineapple and passion fruit with underlying suggestions of baker's yeast, butterscotch and a pleasant lift of lemon zest. Light to medium-bodied, it is well poised in the mouth with a touch of creamy texture and refreshing acidity supporting the citrus and tropical flavors, finishing long.

### CRITICAL ACCLAIM :

97 pts Australian Wine Companion, 93 pts International Wine Cellar, 93 pts Wine & Spirits, 92 pts The Wine Advocate, 90 pts Wine Spectator, 90 pts Wine Enthusiast

### ABOUT GIANT STEPS :

Established in 1998, Giant Steps explores the relationship between vineyard site, the Yarra Valley's cool climate, and different grape clones to finely fingerprint the personality and character of each vineyard. Grapes are biodynamically farmed and drawn from both estate and leased vineyards as well as grapes from long-term contracted growers, supported by strong relationships and meticulous supervision throughout the year. Giant Steps wines are produced fastidiously in the vineyard and vinified with minimal intervention so that each wine is a faithful expression of site, vintage and culture.



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