2010 INNOCENT BYSTANDER CHARDONNAY

Review Summary

91 pts  “Vintage allowing – Chardonnay is going great guns in the Yarra Valley. This is a positive example . . . It has that lovely sweet pear flavor that Chardonnay does so well – though here it’s admirably tempered by more savory/bitter notes provided by grapefruit and bran. It has a suggestion of smoothness though its largely racy and fruity and refreshing. It’s satisfying in its flavor and once you swallow these flavors persist well. It has a toasty, minerally funk to the aftertaste – ie. it doesn’t lack interest. Not sure you can ask for much more.”

Campbell Mattinson, The Winefront
March 17, 2011

89 pts  “Very fruity nose offers aromas of nectarine, white peach, pear and tangerine. Bright and juicy on the palate, offering gently sweet orchard and pit fruit flavors and a tangy jolt of lemon zest. Finishes silky and persistent, the pear note repeating.”

Josh Raynolds, Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
July/August 2011

89 pts  “The 2010 Chardonnay was matured in mainly older French barriques. It gives a pronounced nose of apricots, pink guava and pineapple with nuances of pie crust and cashews. Medium bodied with a good backbone of crisp acid cutting through the concentrated tropical fruit flavors, it finishes with lingering notes of pineapple and apricots.”

Lisa Perotti-Brown, erobertparker.com
June 2011

89 pts  “Immediately strikes with a complex mix of butterscotch and nutty stone fruit on the nose plus a distinct wild and funky character emanating from the use of some wild yeasts. The palate has a rich fruit character with only light oak, plus some nice spice mineral edginess to it. Very attractive, especially with spicy food.”

Ray Jordan, West Australian
March 10, 2011

“A tight nose and palate with a seasoning of spicy oak shows good citrus drive and underlying minerality. Good line and length. Quietly impressive.”

Sarah Ahmed, thewinedetective.com
September 15, 2011