

GIANT STEPS

VIGNERONS
YARRA VALLEY AUSTRALIA



2012 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 | 6.4 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 whole bunch pressed to tank. The juice was transferred to barrel after eight hours of settling followed by a 100% indigenous yeast fermentation, in barrel at 65 - 75°F. The lees were stirred weekly, then monthly between May and August. No malolactic fermentation. Transferred by gravity to tank with lees in December for six months elevation in stainless steel. Unfiltered and unfined, no additions apart from minimal sulfur at bottling.

TASTING NOTES :

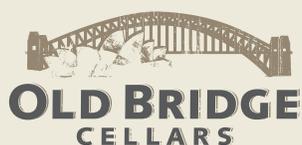
Aromas of orange blossom, pineapple and passion fruit with underlying suggestions of baker's yeast, butterscotch and a pleasant lift of lemon zest. Light to medium-bodied, it is well poised in the mouth with a touch of creamy texture and refreshing acidity supporting the citrus and tropical flavors,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

CRITICAL ACCLAIM :

96 pts Australian Wine Companion, 92+ pts International Wine Cellar, 92 pts Wine & Spirits

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. The Sexton Vineyard, at the heart of the property, is a beautiful 75-acre, north facing hillside site located in the foothills of the Warramate ranges, rising from 425 to nearly 700 feet above the valley floor. A relatively cool site, management of this vineyard is intensive with all tasks, from pruning to harvesting, carefully done by hand.



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