

2012 GIANT STEPS TARRAFORD VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

Review Summary



96 pts – Best of Chardonnay 2015 “Light straw-green; shares some of the characteristics of the Sexton Vineyard, with minerally notes joining the neatly judged touch of funk, all adding to complexity, but without compromising the delicious grapefruit and white peach flavors.”

**James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion
2015**

95 pts “I’m a sucker for this vineyard. Hopefully I’ll have the opportunity to visit it next month when I’m in the Yarra. Apparently it has a distinctly cooler microclimate than its neighbors due to its location in a valley. It certainly translates into the wine. Line and length are on show along with the orange citrus characters and ginger that I seem to see each year. Of course that’s just what I consider to be the heart of the wine. There are other layers. Nectarine, almonds, sourdough bread with whispers of smoke and toast. Oak is very restrained. Flavors are etched delicately onto the palate with an outline of chalk and slate. Lees work is clearly evident but it’s carefully incorporated, adding further savory nous. The finish is emphatic.”

**Jeremy Pringle, WineWillEatItself.com
August 2013**

94 pts “Winemaker Steve Flamsteed’s chardonnays are Yarra benchmarks. This has syrupy white peach, grapefruit, herb and mealy aromas that build in the mouth, finishing long and stylish.”

**Ralph Kyte-Powell, The Age Epicure
August 2013**

92+ pts “Light yellow. Vibrant, mineral-driven pit and citrus fruit aromas are complemented by a suave honeysuckle nuance and a strong note of gingery spices. Shows very good depth and energy to its peach pit and bitter pear skin flavors, along with a firming jolt of lemon pith. Very slow to unwind but possesses excellent concentration, finishing spicy, stony and very long, with lingering floral character.”

**Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar
July/August 2014**



91+ pts “The 2012 Tarraford Vineyard Chardonnay is scented of waxed lemons, orange rind and peach blossoms with touches of chalk dust and ginger. Light to medium-bodied as well as quite youthful and tight-knit in the mouth, it has well-balanced acid and a long finish.”

**Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate
August 2013**

90 pts “This chardonnay has an intriguing fruit character, a cool rain of tropical fruit that falls somewhere between pineapple and cherimoya. The texture is firm and juicy, bordered by a scent of toasted grain.”

**Joshua Greene, Wine & Spirits Magazine
February 2014**

