

# GIANT STEPS

VIGNERONS

YARRA VALLEY AUSTRALIA



## 2015 GIANT STEPS YARRA VALLEY CHARDONNAY

**WINEMAKER :** Phil Sexton & Steve Flamsteed  
**REGION :** Yarra Valley, Victoria  
**VARIETALS :** Chardonnay (Clones: Mendoza, 96, 76, 85, 78 & 227)  
**MATURATION :** 11 months in 500L French oak puncheons (20% new)  
**ANALYSIS :** 13.5% alc/vol | TA: 7.95 | pH: 3.25

### VINTAGE :

Drenching winter rains and a wonderful spring made for a good, even fruit set. Summer growing conditions were ideal with an average January temperature of 80°F. A welcome rain event in mid February gave a little breathing space. All of the Chardonnay was in near perfect condition at the winery. Lovely flavors and crisp acidity.

### WINEMAKING :

The fruit was hand-picked and whole bunch pressed into tank. The juice was transferred to barrel after eight hours settling. Indigenous fermentation took place in barrel at 60 - 74°F. Total time in oak was 11 months. The lees were stirred for the first two months only. No malolactic fermentation. The wine was transferred to tank in January for a light chill and filtration before bottling.

### TASTING NOTES :

The nose offers aromas of lemon sorbet, white peach, crushed hazelnut and struck flint mineral notes. The palate is long, elegant and broad with beautiful creaminess from the extended aging on lees. Alongside a backbone of crisp and punchy acidity are notes of stone fruits, citrus and shortbread. A luscious and complex wine.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM :** 95 pts James Halliday's Australian Wine Companion, 92 pts Wine & Spirits, 90 pts Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, 89 pts Wine Spectator

**ABOUT GIANT STEPS :** Established in 1998, Giant Steps is owned by Phil Sexton and takes its name from the eponymous jazz album by John Coltrane as Coltrane consolidated his solo career after leaving Miles Davis and his band. From the biodynamically farmed estate and leased vineyards Giant Steps crafts two wine ranges. The Yarra Valley range is highly expressive, true to the climate, soil and topography of this region. The Single Vineyard range is produced from the most site-expressive fruit off the best vineyards in great years. Giant Steps wines are produced fastidiously in the vineyard and vinified with minimal intervention in its gravity flow winery.



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