

## 2014 GIANT STEPS TARRAFORD VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

### Review Summary



**97 pts/James Halliday's Top 100 Wines of 2015** “The bouquet is arresting in its complexity, with a faint echo of funk, but it is the palate that defines this wine, with its ripples and whirlpools of white peach, grapefruit and creamy cashew, all brought to a driving finish thanks to its natural acidity. Rolls Royce power, Yarra Valley length.”

**James Halliday**  
Australian Wine Companion  
November 2015

**95 pts** “Aromas set to grapefruit, dried apple pieces, blanched almonds, struck flint mineral whiffs. Beautiful fruit forward scents. Floods the palate with finely whisked cream texture, licks of vanillin oak-over stone fruit, citrus characters, brisk mineral-flecked acidity. Light on its feet, glides through the mouth, feels ultra-fresh, fine, and lingers with talc-like chalkiness amongst the tangy acidity. Wonderful wine. Such ease, such drinkability, such finesse.”

**Mike Bennie**  
The Wine Front  
August 12, 2015

**93 pts** “Pale gold. A wildly complex bouquet evokes fresh citrus and orchard fruits, oyster shell, iodine and white flowers, with a hint of saffron emerging with air. Sappy, penetrating and pure, offering palate-staining Meyer lemon, pear skin, ginger, nori and toasted brioche flavors that deepen and spread out on the back half. Powerful and deeply concentrated yet lithe, finishing with wonderful energy and lingering floral and mineral flourishes.”

**Josh Reynolds**  
Vinous  
March 2016

**92+ pts** “The 2014 Tarraford Vineyard Chardonnay has a citrusy, chalk dust and struck flint laced nose with a peach blossom and lime leaf undercurrent. The medium-bodied palate is tight-knit with buckets of tension supporting the intense citrus and stone flavors, finishing with great length.”

**Lisa Perrotti-Brown**  
Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate  
June 2016



**91 pts** “A firm and subtle chardonnay, this is tense and clean, with flintiness in the finish that will develop into complexity as it mellows in the bottle. Decant it for roast grouper.”

**Joshua Greene**  
**Wine & Spirits Magazine**  
**October 2015**

**90 pts** “Crisp and bright, this strikes a terrific balance between lemon, grapefruit and peppery white floral notes, with a refreshing, lingering finish.”

**MaryAnn Worobiec**  
**WineSpectator.com**  
**2016**

