

2014 GIANT STEPS SEXTON VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

Review Summary



97 pts “You can’t make great wine by numbers, but the seamless balance of the wine stems from the perfect ripeness linked to its alcohol (or vice versa). Having taken on board the complex white flowers bouquet, it flows across the palate like a shower of confetti, dispensing stone fruit, grapefruit and splashes of balanced acidity.”

James Halliday
Australian Wine Companion
2017

94 pts “Overt oak but not overwhelming – nougat, halva-sweet-nuttiness, raw tobacco scents coupled to mixed citrus peel and bruised apple scents. Still, holds a lofty, bright, vibrant perfume. Clatters across the palate with delicate acidity and a sheath of subtle, vanillin oak character. The freshness and friskiness of the fruit character is notable, it skips and twists through the mouth with a lacy, frisky feel, almost gossamer in texture and finishes mouthwatering and refreshing, fruit pure and crisp. Almost like you need to concentrate. Flighty and delicious for it.”

Mike Bennie
The Wine Front
August 12, 2015

92 pts “Light yellow-gold. Complex scents of pear skin, peach pit, tangerine, chamomile and iodine, with a smoky mineral flourish building in the glass. Supple and expansive on the palate, offering intense, mineral-tinged citrus and orchard fruit flavors and hints of fennel and buttered toast. Shows a suave blend of richness and vivacity and finishes smoky, minerally and very long, leaving poached pear and Meyer lemon notes behind.”

Josh Raynolds
Vinous
March 2016



92 pts “A firm, luscious chardonnay from a hot, dry year in Yarra, this needs air to integrate its alcohol into layers of complex flavors, transforming that warmth into an overtone of sweet orange, while scents of pear skin and earth deepen the finish. The wine has enough intensity to match a veal roast.”

Joshua Greene
Wine & Spirits Magazine
October 2015

100 Best Australian Wines 2016/17 “The Sexton Vineyard has always been a prime piece of real estate and I regularly write up wines from within its remarkable boundaries, but in 2014 this glorious tract of dirt is responsible for two cosmic creations and what’s all the more noteworthy is that one is white and the other is red! I am always rather humbled by these wines, too, because the prices seem to be somewhat of a steal bearing in mind just how amazing they taste. The 2014 Chardonnay is the epitome of the Yarra with a bountiful fruit bowl of aromatics, which includes a few strategically placed apricots, to up the exoticism quota imperceptibly. The result is a wine that makes the mouth-water in an ever-so-slightly unusual manner! I couldn’t wait to dive back into the glass for more; in fact it was rather disappointing to have to get out to towel down.”

Matthew Jukes
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